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Chapter 30: Simple Home Remodeling

Since then my house has grown even further, it is now 10 stories tall.

It feels like I'm living in a high-rise large apartment.

I have a pleasant view that looks out over all of the trees in the forest.

On the top floor of my home.

After eating the breakfast that Sakura always made for me, I was laying around digesting my food when,

「Master, I have a little something I'd like to discuss with you.....is now a good time?」

Sakura said to me while pouring my after-meal tea.

「Discuss?」

「Yes. I would like to undergo some remodeling/renovations. —the other day when Hesty-chan attacked, I began to think that this sort of shape may be unsuitable.」

「Ah.....well, that may be true...」

With the magic wall and magically reinforced walls, this multistory home can be defended against the wind.

But since it has been built straight upwards, there is a risk of the lower floors collapsing due to the weight, even though it survived Hesty's attack.

「Are the lower floors in danger of breaking?」

「Due to the magic wall's support it won't collapse soon, but the danger does exist.」

I guess so. The lower floors have already been burnt once, if I just leave it like that it'll become a problem.

「I think this might be a good chance for remodeling then...」

「Yes, please treat me well.」

「Leave it to me.....but, how should I remodel? Should I just reinforce it using my

trees?」

「No, this is due to my ineptitude, so please use the magic in my body to do so.」

I don't really think it has anything to do with your ineptitude.

This was caused by Hesty breathing fire everywhere.

Furthermore, becoming a tower was just what naturally happened.

「Even so, as Master's home, keeping you as safe as I can, is my responsibility. Therefore, please synchronize with me and begin the remodeling.」

「Ah...by use you meant synchronize?」

「Yes, while understanding my entire figure, please remodel my shape. I think the best way to do it would be synchronizing to naturally understand my structure.」

「Roger that.」

After drinking my tea, I touched Sakura to begin synchronizing with her, as usual the entirety of my home popped into my head.

「n.....and just like that, please concentrate a bit more on me and the house itself」

「Ok」

I turned my consciousness towards Sakura and my home as I was told, and I clearly saw the different floors.

「n...when you see the structure.....just like when you use magic there's a little trick, try to use your intuition and will to move things, then remodeling should be possible.」

Sakura was breathing a little roughly and that was a little distracting, but for now I'll focus on the house.

.....the trick I use to practice magic.....huh...

To experiment I tried to move the first floor one meter to the side. Then,

「Oohh!?!」

Gogogo I heard the sound of something moving beneath us.

「That was splendid Master! You're quick to grasp the right feeling for these things as always!」

「Er, splendid you say? Is this all it takes to move things?」

「Yes.」

The structure can move almost immediately?
Should I say it's as simple as always? Actually I should probably say this way of using magic is as easy as always.

Also, how should I put it....it's like Jenga, if the lowest floor is off-kilter then won't it collapse?

「While Master and I are synchronized the magic wall is strongly reinforced so there is no need to worry about it collapsing.....but would you like to go outside instead?」

「.....well that might be better. It's the first time so I should do it more carefully, so why don't we go outside?」

I wanted to see how it looked while it moved, so we decided to go out into the apple orchard.

Once we are far enough into the yard I start my work once more.

I wanted to do it carefully without rushing, I found out that they can be moved like blocks. Also, not only can the position be changed, but the shape as well.

It can be lengthened or widened as long as the basic volume/capacity isn't changed.

Moreover, the burnt and broken places can be fixed by using the materials from other floors.

.....I get it now. This is really useful and pretty interesting.

It feels like I'm playing with the world's most extravagant building blocks.

My house is no longer a tower.
The tower shape is weak to attacks from the sides.

So with stability in mind I rearrange my home.

.....well because of my apple orchard I can't lay everything out horizontally...

Even so, the yard is wide so I can make it wider to some extent.

And so after a few minutes——

「You did it Master!」

My new home was finished. And so,

「I really did it.....a pyramid.」

By focusing on stability I ended up making my house into a square pyramid. But as always the top floor is my usual 2LDK home.

「ahh.....but as I thought...this kind of shape feels unstylish.」

It seems I was lacking in my modeling fashion sense.

「That's not the case Master. This is truly suitable for the concept of "stability".」

Sakura said with a serious look.

It is certainly stable though.

「It's sturdy and has tough defense. It is a good shape! With this much defensive strength, even if Hesty-chan rammed it then it's possible it wouldn't even give an inch.」

Is it really that solid?

Then this might be a good defensive form.

「Is that so? I was aiming for a small castle shape, but this might be good too.」

No matter how I made it there won't be any problems with living space, so it should be fine.

Also, 10 floors wouldn't have been enough to construct a full castle. This might be the best solution for now. I did want it to look cooler though.

「It's alright because more additions can be made. Sooner or later you can change it to whatever shape pleases you Master.」

Additions huh?

Certainly, the more I sleep with Sakura the more the house will grow bigger. Though,

「If it keeps growing like it was before, won't it end up with a really awkward shape?」

If it grows like it has been and there is a single floor underneath the pyramid, won't it look like a mushroom?

「No, it should be alright. Even though it may be built, the place and shape can be controlled. You can make it separate from the main home or even make a small tower at the top of the pyramid.」

「Ah, if that's the case then I can be at ease.」

「Yes. Therefore, I think Master should take your time and change the shape however you please.」

Fumu fumu, so there's no need to be in a rush to do this...
For now, I'll settle down in the pyramid for today,

「Alright then. I'll take some time and train my modelling sense, look forward to what I do ok?」

「Yes!」

I don't want Sakura, my home, to have an awkward shape.
While studying a bit, let's continue to remodel my home.

Chapter 31: Remodeling is Even Easier

During the next day I continued my house renovations in the middle of the apple orchard.

After all that, the pyramid shape of the house was cancelled and I changed it back to a tower.

There wasn't any problem with the living space per say, but no matter how you looked at it, it didn't look that great.

Therefore, I changed it back to a tower, organized it, and straightened it.

It was different from when I first started to renovate, it returned to the shape of a tower almost immediately.

「I had already memorized this shape before, so it only requires you to insert magic and it can be returned to how it was originally.」

Or so she says.

Because Sakura can remember the original shape, I can practice reforming the house as much as I want.

「It's necessary to get some experience before things go smoothly.」

It's the same as forming a wood golem. If you've never made one then it will be difficult to get the right shape.

「This is all because Master made wood golems every day.」

「Yep, thanks to that my wood golem armor looks pretty cool.」

At the start the golems were completely uncool, but now it's even possible to carve their faces to resemble the Two Guardian Deva Kings. The practice golems are spread through the apple orchard, but I think that they give off a pretty good feeling.

「But unlike golems, it takes quite a bit of magic just to turn the house back to normal.」

Although I'm synchronized with Sakura, the magic usage is pretty severe. It's because moving the house like blocks definitely needs to utilize my personal power.

That's nothing to sneeze at.
It's at the level where I need to take a break after doing it a few times.

「Yes.....that's...I am very sorry. My own power is insufficient.」
「Well, it's not really anything you need to apologize about.」

This in itself is pretty interesting.
By doing so I can grasp the timing of how long I can rearrange the house before I need a break.

I was thinking as such when,
「.....once again, you're using magic in a weird way.」

Hesty came out of the apple orchard cabin.
She was rubbing her eyes, is she sleep deprived?

「Good morning Hesty.」
「n, morning. Since yesterday, I thought that I felt some weird magic fluctuations.....but I never thought, that you'd be using it like this.」

Will she be surprised?
Will she be astonished?

Hesty gazed at my newly assembled house.

「Amazing. But, you're using magic like water. Even if it's you, the consumption, must be extreme.」

「Yep, as I thought you could tell.」

「n.....normally, just doing that once, is using enough magic to cause someone to, collapse. ——that's why, here. Use this, it'll be easier.」

She said and handed me the white staff/wand.
But this time it was thicker than before, it had a more solid shape.

「Is it possible that you were making this all day yesterday?」
「Yes. It took some time, but it's much much, more sturdy than, before. And it's also, harder to break.」

「Oh, thank you Hesty. But can I do this kind of thing using a magic key?」

I wonder, can I use this to change the shape of my house?

「Probably, if you attach a house shape to the magic key, you should be able to change it. So? Can you do it?」

Hesty asked me and Sakura while tilting her head inquisitively.

「I wouldn't know but, can you do that Sakura?」

「Uuuuuuummmm.....yes. You may need to be synchronized with me, but if you have a certain shape set beforehand, then you should be able to rearrange it within moments I think. If I remember the previous shapes then I get the feeling that I can change into them within a short amount of time.」

Ohh, amazing.

Well then, it should be good if we memorize the different shapes right?
Then when we use a keyword we should be able to change the house.

「But well...we don't really know if that'll actually work. I suppose we just need to try and see.」

The current shape is 《Normal Tower》 and I memorized the magic key then,

「Sakura, synchronize with me please. I'd like to change the shape a bit.」

「Alright. Please treat me well.」

I grabbed the white staff/wand and touched Sakura.

Then I proceeded to rearrange it into the shape it had this morning.

As I imagined it in my mind, I paired it with language and,

「Mode 《Pyramid》!」

I spoke.

And at that moment my house transformed into a 4 corner pyramid.

「Woah, it really changed in a few moments.」

「Splendid Master!」

If it's like this then I can remake any shape that I've made before.

I no longer need to move each and every block individually, it's become much easier.

「.....n, this time, it didn't break. The wand was made, perfectly.」

Hesty looked back and forth between my face and the wand.
Certainly, the wand is safe too. This should be considerably useful.

I still need to synchronize with Sakura but the magic consumption is much more economical.

「If it's like this, then it's possible that eventually Master will be able to change my shape into a previous one by yourself.」

Oh, well that's certainly even easier.
When I want to practice I won't have to go and bother Sakura then.

「Thanks for the wand Hesty. It's really easy to use.」
「n.....I'm happy too. I made it properly. If it breaks again, I'll fix it, so just tell me.」

「Ok, when the time comes I'll be asking you once more.」

Like this, my renovations became even more efficient.

I tried out various shapes and recorded them as magic keywords, then changed it back to normal. Though my house started to look like a Transformer.

But well, finally I settled on a shape that was easy to live in, but I'll try various things from now on.

Chapter 32: Man Who Uses Magic Power, Witch Princess, and Dragon

Daytime.

After the first stage of my home remodeling was completed I began practicing my wood golem making.

「For the time being.....Wood Golem x20」

To begin with I started by changing 20 of the trees into golems.

However, they weren't the featureless and plain puppets like before, they were golems with a more particular shape.

Compared to before they were much closer to being human shaped, they had faces but,

「Yep, as I thought I still have some ways to go. Molding faces really is difficult.」

Instead of being completely smooth they had the general shape of faces traced on them, so in comparison you could say that I've improved.

However, there is still room for improvement. That's why I'll start to practice.

「Imagine imagine....」

Inside my memory a grim visage and tough body pop into my head as I adjust.

Like working clay, I slowly imagine it and the golem's face changes bit by bit. I continue to mold it little by little.

.....at first it took a really long time, but once I got used to it there wasn't a problem.

If I have free time, then I can do stuff like this and get better and faster at it. It really is best if I get accustomed to this type of work....as I was thinking the 20 golems were molded into tough and vigorous looking shapes then,

「Hi-Higyaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa!! What's up with these manly-men golems!？」

It looks like I have some visitors.

「An annoyance who starts making a ruckus while people are trying to quietly concentrate has come...」

That Magic (witch) Princess is still as noisy as always.

As I thought that I headed in the direction of that voice.

At the edge of the apple orchard.

The witch princess was sitting on the ground near Hesty's cabin.

When she looked in my direction she tried to force her wobbling legs to stand and come greet me.

「H-hey Daichi-dono. It's been a while so I came to see you.」

「Ok, that's fine but.....it's really has been a while since you did...」

There's clearly a wet spot on the ground.

「I-I'm sorry. When I saw that group of terrifying golems I got really surprised(scared).」

「Are they really that scary?」

Certainly, I did make the golems muscular looking with grim faces. muscle-statue

「How should I put it? With this many angry faces lined up it gives off a really intimidating aura....」

Oh I see. With 20 of them standing there, they're certainly kind of scary.
But did this really happen just because of them...

「It can't be helped. Wood Golems. —Return—」

I can't handle anymore leaks so I used my magic key.

With a single word I can turn them back into apple trees. It makes things easy to clean up and I can reuse materials. Therefore, I find it extremely convenient.

「There, it shouldn't be scary anymore.」

Therefore, please hurry up and stand so you can tell me what business you have. I was about to say but...

「——th-that's the magic key technique!?!」

Dianeia was acting surprised for some reason. Actually,

「You know this too Dianeia? The magic key?」

It's seems like this is an unexpectedly standard technique.

「Th-Of Course! It's a really High Level Magic Technique you know!?!」

I was wrong.

Dianeia excitedly explained to me.

「N-normally a mage will chant at least a line or even a passage. If not, then their magic won't activate. Even for a great mage such as myself, it's already great if we can use 1 or 2 magic keywords.....!!」

Was it really such an advanced skill?

On the other hand, I think that Hesty uses it pretty regularly too...

That young lady dragon might just be an amazing mage...

「B-before I realized it I was overtaken in magic skills.....I've only been able to make one so far.....I guess I'm still too unskilled.....」

And after explaining, Dianeia went and got depressed on her own accord.

She came here on her own accord, leaked on her own accord, got excited on her own accord, then got depressed on her own accord...what a hectic princess.

「Sorry to interrupt you while you're being depressed, but could you tell me why you came over now?」

「A-yeah.....this is the Land Deed. I came to deliver it. I wasn't able to give it to you before.」

Dianeia rose unsteadily and took out a roll of paper from the bag at her hips.

「This is the Land Deed for some land in town. You may use it as you wish.」

When I opened the paper that I was handed there were some character written on it.

But, since I can't read the language yet, I'll ask Hesty to read it to me later.

.....well I can't really think of anything I'd use that land for.

There shouldn't be any problems with accepting it though. I haven't heard any talk of taxes.

「By the way....getting back to what we were talking about Daichi-dono. How did you learn to use the magic key....? Did you develop it yourself?」

「Nope, I was taught by a young lady who passed by.」

When I said that, Dianeia gazed at me in shock.

「I-If there was such a young lady around I'd really have liked to meet her. There's no one in the capital that can train me....」

What is this witch princess talking about?

「You've already met her Dianeia. The one who came with me the other day.」

「Came with you....wait, you mean the Dragon King that's living with you?!」

Dianeia raised her voice in shock. Because of how loud it was,

「n.....is someone, here?」

Hesty came out of her cabin.

It seems like she was taking a nap since she's rubbing her eyes, but this is good.

I wanted to check this certificate.

「Come here for a moment.」

「n.....what's going on?」

Hesty toddled on over. She's really adorable but,

「Hii!!!」

Dianeia backed off with incredible speed. Are you really that scared?
She's just a young lady right now.

「Well whatever. Hesty, could you read a little something for me?」

「Read what?」

After I gave her the paper she sat down next to me and began to read.
I was about to ask her what was written on that paper but,

「Eh, it was....Hesty...right?」

Dianeia was back from running away.

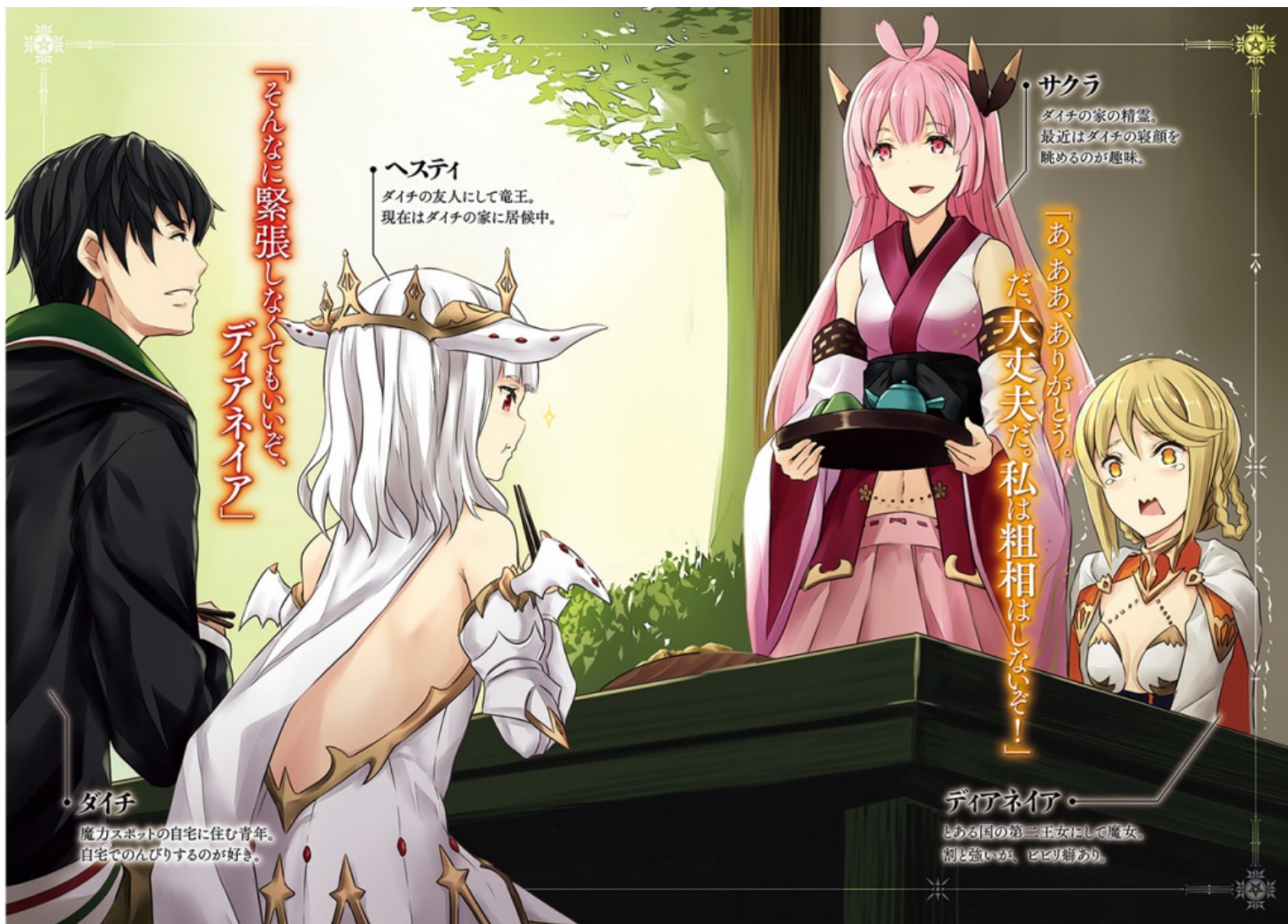
Then she started to peek at Hesty's face.

She was still terrified a little while ago, I wonder what caused this turn of events.

I was thinking when,

「You can't be.....The Black Clothed Super Class Mage Hesty Radona right?」

Dianeia asked in a shaking voice.



「そんなに緊張しなくてもいいぞ、
ディアネイア」

・ヘステイ
ダイチの友人にして竜王。
現在はダイチの家に居候中。

・サクラ
ダイチの家の精霊。
最近ではダイチの寝顔を
眺めるのが趣味。

「あ、ああ、ありがとう。
だ、大丈夫だ。私は粗相はしないぞ！」

・ダイチ
魔カスボットの自宅に住む青年。
自宅でのんびりするのが好き。

・ディアネイア
とある国の第三王女にして魔女。
割と強いが、ビビリ癖あり。

Chapter 33: Super-Class and Mythical-Class

Hesty slowly responded to Dianeia's voice.

「n.....? What a nostalgic name, for you, to know. Who, are you?」

「A-as I thought, though the hair and clothing are the wrong color, is this really happening!? I-it can't be that you are living together with Daichi-dono.....!!」

Somehow, it seems like Dianeia knows Hesty.

「.....?」

On the other hand it seems like Hesty has no idea who Dianeia is. She tilts her head curiously to one side with a blank expression. I wonder what's going on.

「How should I put this.....calm yourself Dianeia. If you talk so loudly we can't follow what you're trying to say.」

「Ah...oh alright. I apologize. I became overexcited when meeting a legendary mage. It seems that I have spoken rudely without introducing myself.」

Dianeia took a deep breath and calmed herself.

「Anyways, what do you mean by Hesty being legendary?」

「Well, a few decades ago, a black clothed mage wandered into the Prussian Magic Guild. Just like that, only a few days later she became a Super Ranked magician, and then once again wandered away and disappeared. That's the legend.」

「and that's Hesty?」

「Ah, she was introduced as Hesteey Radona.」

Huh? This name is weirdly different though....

「Hesty is this true?」

「Mostly.」

「Hesty your name is Hesty Raydona right?」

「n, the one I used before was a false name to disguise myself.」

「.....I can't really say it's much of a false name....all you did was change the long 'A' sound to a long 'E' sound」

Actually, I've been thinking this for a while....but isn't her method of disguise way too sloppy? All she did was change her white clothing and hair, black.

「n, well, it didn't really, matter even if, I was found out. I, had several of the other guys, dyed without being registered, and I sent them out.」

「Oh is that so? You had some companions?」

There are plenty of dragons in the valley, so there should be enough that would help out the Dragon King.

「But still, you really went travelling for a few decades with that appearance Hesty?」

「n.....I'm, quite a bit, older.」

It was strange to hear a young looking girl say something like that.

「She's really an amazing person. I've read several documents and talked to people, and though there are some records left of her appearance and magic, I wouldn't believe that her appearance would still be the same...」

「If it's over a few decades, a dragon will not, change appearance.....but, I'm just small beans. This guy, over here is the amazing one.」

Hesty said as she brought the focus back onto me.

「Ah.....yeah.....that's certainly so.」

Dianeia agreed with a serious expression.

「I'm glad, that we can agree, on at least one point.」

Looking over Hesty nods.

Oioi, the two of them seem to be hitting it off.

Somehow I get the feeling that I'm being alienated...



「You know, I, am Super Class. But if you went, to the Magic Guild, they wouldn't be able, to give you a rank.」

「Eh? Really?」

When Dianeia heard that, she silently nodded.

「Daichi-dono is so far above the norm, that you reach and maybe even surpass the Mythological Rank easily. That said, there is no rank beyond that. That's why you would be unable to get a rank.」

「.....n, if it's you, then within a few days, you would already achieve, Myth Rank.」

Is being that easy really ok, Magic Association!?

「Well, normally it wouldn't be that easy.....but Daichi-dono is an abnormality. Surpassing Radona-dono is not something normally achievable.」

「n, because I am, the best at magic, among the Dragon Kings. But you, surpass even me.」

The two of them nod once again.

Why are these girls bonding using me as the material?

Dianeia was even scared of Hesty until just a little while ago, and now there's not a sign of that fear anywhere.

「Well, after talking several times to such an incredibly strong man like Daichi-dono, I've started to become accustomed to fear rather quickly.」

Just speaking to me makes her afraid?

Be that as it may, it somehow seems quite impolite.

As I was thinking so, Dianeia slowly got up from the ground.

「Fuu.....this was time well spent. However, though I am reluctant to part, I think that I should return for today.」

「Oh, is that so?」

「.....but once again, allow me to thank you, Daichi-dono. I'm glad that I met both you and Radona-dono. It allowed me to feel like I can work harder to become as strong like you two are. That's why....please let me come visit again.」

With that refreshing goodbye, Dianeia left.

「Feels like, she just got excited all by, herself and left...」

「I think it's better than her returning while still depressed.」

「But, on the ground, there is still, a strange, stain.」

「.....for now, let's have the golem take the soil that has been 'marked' and bring it outside the garden.」

While we're at it, we might as well change some of the soil in the garden.

Hesty and I decided to bring in some soil from outside of the garden.

「Oh yeah, Hesty. You seem pretty famous.」

To think that this little lady was a legendary mage, that was the biggest surprise of the day.

「n. But, my fame, and such, are really inconsequential. Most likely, right now, you are much, more famous than me.」

「Really?」

「At the very least, you are a hot topic, among dragons.」

Should I be pleased about this? I don't really know.

「It's nothing, bad. The dragons in that valley, are almost the same, as being your subordinates. It's not bad to, be popular.」

「I don't remember making them my subordinates though...」

Well, the dragons have stopped attacking, so I can consider this as being alright.

As I was lost in thought, Hesty rolled up the paper and handed it to me.

「I, have finished reading this. You, have been given, land in the First district, in Prussia. It's pretty large.」

「The First District? I don't really know where the district is or what it looks like though...」

「When I, went to the town before, the First District, should be the one closest to the Castle.」

Fumu fumu. If it is that close to the Castle, then it shouldn't be a bad piece of land. It should be a first class plot of land.

Anyways, until I decide what to use it for, I'll leave it as is.

「Alright then, I'm finished putting soil in the garden, so I might as well practice my golem sculpting till dinner.」

「ah, I, want to watch, you make the golems.」

「Ohh, if I've got spectators, then I should put some effort in.」

And so, Hesty watched as I did my best making golems until dinner.

Chapter 33.5: —Side Dianeia— The People Who Begin to Move, and The Place That Doesn't Move

Evening. Dianeia is once again sitting at her official duty desk.

The aftermath of the Dragons' invasion and the panic it caused.

Explaining things to the citizens.

The arrangement of information and rumors garnered from the party the other day.

The trade records for the Wolf People.

There's a pile of things to do.

But, even so, it's better than before when she had to pull all-nighters before.

It might be because he is there.

「Daichi-dono.....」

He is the person that she can face as just a witch, distant from all this work.

As she thinks of when she can go meet him again, Dianeia cleans up the top of her desk. Then *knockknock** there was a knock at the door.

「Princess. I'm here for the evening report.」

「Oh, is it (Okuto) Oct? Come in.」

「Please excuse me.」

And just like usual, the Knight Captain Oct gave his regular report.

The town's condition, the movements around the town from the scout troop, and various pieces of information.

「Fumu fumu, the town seems to have calmed down somehow.」

「Yeah, it's thanks to Daichi-sama. But still, is it alright? To give that land to Daichi?」

「Hm? Do you think that was a mistake in judgement?」

「No. I was not saying as such.」

“It's just” , the Knight Captain flipped through the nearby paperwork.

「That is the Royal Family's private land, and various business will want to buy it frantically. Additionally special magic stone dwells beneath the soil over there, I was wondering if there were any other use for it....」

Certainly the land he was given was the best land near the Castle.

There is a large amount of foot traffic through it and if you opened a store there, you would have no end to the customers. Furthermore, underneath the ground there is a special magical stone sleeping. Therefore—there may be other uses for it...but

「It's fine. Only a land with that much power is fitting for him. Even if we were to put something else there we wouldn't be able to control it and it'd only be a reckless decision. For him the power sleeping there is simply unnecessary. It won't influence him in the slightest.」

「Well....I suppose you're right. If it's Daichi-sama, then even if he uses that land there should be no cause for alarm.」

Although a place with power sleeping within it sounds tempting, in actuality, the ones who could master such places were few and far between.

For that reason, it is only possible to pass that land to a suitably strong person.

「However, how will you deal with the dissatisfaction of those rough companies from the Fort City?」

「I'll accept all of their dissatisfaction. That place is under my purview. They have no right to interfere.」

It's possible that no one will actually take action. Even if they do, I'll take care of it here. I can't allow him to get caught up in something troublesome.

「——in the first place they have their own problems. They might not even have the opportunity to complain.」

「Yeah, that city is the one that gets attacked the most....」

The Royal Capital Prussia has problems with dragons, Wolf People, and Battle Rabbits, but they are much better off than the Fort City.

The Fort City has comparatively high fighting potential, but they also have many assailants in comparison.

「Well, recently a capable man seems to have taken command and set things straight....oh yeah, what happened to the help we requested from the Fort City? Did we return them properly?」

For the Dragon King's attack, a 100 man unit had been summoned to the capital.

「It was during an emergency, but I heard that there were adventurers mixed in with the regular soldiers...」

「Yes. Therefore.....there were some who insisted on going out treasure hunting and left. Other than that, the rest of them were properly returned to the Fort City.」

In that city there are quite a large number of ruffians.

It was expected to some degree, but it really did turn out like this didn't it?

「By the way, did you remember to give the strict order 'Do not enter the forest'?」

「Of course! However, there were some who will insist that they take responsibility for their own lives and go anyways.」

Aahh, that wasn't unexpected either. That's why I didn't want to call people from that city. Since we already called them, we'll allow it this time.

「It's not good. Well, Daichi-dono seems to be the type who uses his own discretion.」

「Yes, even when we shook hands I felt that sensation. He seemed to be careful so as to not break anything.」

「Yeah, that's why I don't think he'll kill them on sight.....but, if they cause trouble for him...it might be a different story.」

I don't know what will happen, but there's a good chance that he'll be troubled.

Later, I should prepare some things as an apology.

.....yep. Once again, it's great that I've come up with an excuse to go over there.....

「.....and one more thing I need to report. It seems that a delegation is coming from the Fort City.」

「What? What delegation?」

「It seems that they wish to hear of how the Dragon King that was attacking Prussia was repelled.....I do not know their true intentions. They may have perceived the large magical wave from that time.」

「They seem like they're coming to aim for Daichi-dono. For that Earth-Vein.」

「That is definitely a possibility.」

「If that's the case.....then I'll stop them even if I must do so by force.」

In addition to the ruffians from the Fort City, we also have an unknown emissary huh? Problems keep coming one after another. They've begun moving.

「We also have to put in some more effort. From now on I'll be asking you to lend me your strength Oct.」

「Roger!」

Chapter 34: The incident before a trivial matter

Early morning at the haunted forest.

Under the cover of the rising sun, there were several figures advancing into the forest. All of them had well-built bodies and there was approximately 10 adventurers of this calibre.

「Hyahahah.....!! As expected, going on an adventure to foreign territory is best done in the early mornings.....!!」

A man with a shaved head was carrying a large sword on his shoulders and he was leading the vanguard as the rest of them quickly followed.

「Oh yeah..... Leader! if it's during this time of the day, the forest would not have any werewolves or combat rabbits roaming the area!」

「Ahh, because I obtained the information from an adventure guild, I also know about that. If I am not mistaken, it should be around here.....There is it!」

And it was at this moment that they arrived at a huge tower-shaped building.

「Hyahaha. Is this the place that we were supposed to go to?」

「That's right. These are the correct coordinates without a doubt」

While holding the map in his hand, one of the adventurers approached the

tower. At this moment.

「.....Guu.....Ehhh.....」

He held his throat and fell into the ground. It was like he was unable to breathe suddenly.

「Leader, what's happening!?!」

「Hyahah.A-are you telling me this is magical intoxication!? I've never heard that this was a dangerous place!」

The bald headed man, shouldered the unconscious adventurer as he looked about his surroundings.

And he spotted a small hut.

「Are we going to hide in there, leader?」

「That's what I want to do but, look. Someone is coming out.....!」

The door to the hut opened and the person who came out was....

「You guys, who are you?」

Was a little girl with white hair. Her appearance was like any common little girl, however...

「W-what's with the magical power that is on her body?!」

The experienced adventurer was able to sense something amiss from the abnormality of magical power that was surging from the little girl.

「The fact that you guys have weapons, does this mean you are intruders?In that case, should I act like a gate keeper? Will that be good, I wonder?」

And then, the little girl, pointed her index finger towards them.



「For the time being, here is a warning」

「W-what did you say?」

「This is private property. Coming in here with a weapon like that, is not allowed. ——Be blown away!」

「——Guuu!？」

In the instant that the little girl pointed her finger, the adventurer was literally blown off.

「Hya, Hyaha.....This girl, is she using a magic key? She's a high level wizard! Boys! stay on guard!」

「Roger that!」

After seeing one of them being defeated right in front of them, these bald headed people wielded their swords and took up arms.

「Nn, you guys are adventurers that can make me become cautious. Although I won't be defeated, this kind of fight, I'm still not used to it.Is it better if I burn them?」

After tilting her head, the little girl begins to ponder. However, she doesn't relax her guard towards the adventurers. Paying attention to their every move, she focuses her gaze on them. However, there was a sudden unexpected movement.

「—— ! 」

「.....What, is that?」

The apple tree next to the little girl suddenly transformed into a muscular golem.

「Ah, you are an independent type golem aren't you? Then I will leave it to you」

And then the golem lumbered and parted from the little girl's side. It silently approached the group of adventurers.

「Wh-what the, what is this tough looking golem.....?!」

「Hyaha, Don't worry! Although it might be a golem, it's only made of wood. Knock it down!」

The bald headed man holds his large sword in the air and slashes the golem. It was a full swing that utilized the full weight of the sword. However, Gin! the blade was repelled by the tree.

「M-my blade won't cut through it?!」

And just like that, the big arm of the golem swung at the man and sent him flying off his feet. Such a one sided display of the bald headed man being trashed caused the other adventurers to shrink away as they lost their cool.

「Hi, Hiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii!!」

「H-Help me, Save meeeeeeeeeeeeeee!!」

Though they wanted to run away, it was too late.

The golem raises it's arm one after another and strikes the remaining adventurers.

「Gyaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah!!」

「.....Nn, well, it should be fine as long as they aren't dead, right?」

Hesty was calmly observing the situation that occurred.

Late morning. When I got up, for some reason the garden was really noisy.

「Master, good morning!」

「Ouu.....」

For the time being, I was going to splash my absentminded head with water to clear my mind.

「Here you go Master. Towel」

「Ou, Thank-you, Sakura.Although, did something happen?」

It seemed like something rough was happening in my garden.

「Yes. There were some intruders that arrived. —All of them have been neutralized, but what shall we do with them?」

「Ahh, the automatic defense system took care of it? That's good」

However, it seems that they were aiming for the magical power again?

「They seemed to be well equipped, they were a rowdy bunch but I don't know what their aim was. There was quite a large amount of them. Ah, I was just about to warm up the rice, so please wait a little longer」

Ohh, I am thankful.

She's totally prepared as per usual.

「Oh yeah, it seems like breakfast is always ready the moment I wake up, do you make it at midnight or something?」

「Yes well... Because it isn't possible for me to sleep, I always have so much fun making breakfast for Master while imagining him eating my meals」

「I can always work the cooking stove, so even if you don't go to that extent, it's alright you know?」

Because of the amount of magical power Sakura has, it is now possible to use a high-powered electrical equipment, like a rice cooker. Therefore, it is even possible to warm up a cold meal using the cooking stove.

「No no, this is one of my guilty pleasures」

「Is that so? If that's really how you feel, then it's fine I guess」

After wiping my wet face with the towel, I felt refreshed.

In this clear state, I payed more attention to the outside.

「——Uuu, Uwaaaahhh!! Wh-what the heck is this forest? I can't get away from it.....!？」

I heard a new voice shouting in the distance.

「Ohh, was there some left over intruders lying around?」

「Is it a one of the rear guard? Or is it one of the people who ran away in order to transfer information?」

「I see. Shall we go after him, and make him tell us?」

「Yes」

I synchronize with Sakura and create a new golem.

「Wood Golem x 20!」

In an instant, around 20 bodies were created. Rising up from the ground and surrounding the adventurer entirely cutting off his path. When this occurred...

「..... ! ! 」

「Ah, I think he just fainted」

Seeing such a terrifying scene it seemed that he just swooned on the spot. If I used a trap, the force would be too deadly so I thought I'd use my wood golems to knock him out and capture him... But it turns out the result is the same.

「Well, it turned out quite well I suppose. I think that he should wake up while I eat my breakfast, right?」

「Yes. Then I will prepare the breakfast now. I've already cooked the rice」

「Ou, now then, I guess it's time to eat」

Feeling pretty good, my drowsiness was completely gone. After eating my fill and hearing what the adventurer has to say, I think I will go for a nice walk. While thinking of such things, I stuff my face with the burning hot rice. Yeah, after finishing up your chores, eating breakfast becomes even more delicious!

Chapter 35: Flood of Customers

After finishing my breakfast, I stood in front of a skinhead guy.

Though he seemed terrified while being encircled by the golems, the moment I exited the house he got down on his hands and knees in the dogeza position and said,

「I...I apologize from the very bottom of my heart.....」

As soon as we met I was given an apology with all his heart and soul.

He was also violently shaking with fear.

Are the golems that terrifying?

Anyways, I need to talk to him regardless. I came closer.

「Hey, I'd like to speak to you for a bit.」

「haa.....aiiii.....」

But the moment I tried to look him in the eyes, a waterfall of sweat fell from his face and his eyes rolled up so only the whites of his eyes were visible.

「Oi! Don't sleep. Do you really not want to talk that much?」

「Ah...Yes! I-I'm sorry!」

I smacked his cheeks a bit and he seems to have woken up.

What? Are you really that tired?

「N-no, it's because I don't have a strong enough magic resistance.....it makes me unable to breathe.」

Is that so? That's troublesome.

Even though I only wanted to talk.

「U-uummmm.....then who's the strongest out of everyone here?」

「Hyahha.....It's me.」

I looked and it was the large skinhead man who raised his hand.

I thought he was the one with the sternest face, but he's the leader huh?

I squatted down in front of the large skinheaded man.

The big guy trembled but he didn't lose consciousness. Is this the difference in strength?

Well, as long as I can talk to him, it doesn't make much difference to me.

「Well then, first why don't you start off by telling me who you are?」

「Hyahha.....o-ok.」

After making such a big fuss early in the morning, these intruders seem to be pretty exhausted.

My Q&A session proceeded unexpectedly easily.

「I see. You guys are a group of adventurers from the fort city. You received a request from the Royal Capital Prussia, and came here on campaign right?」

「Hyahha. Th-that's correct.」

「Fumu fumu. Well then, why didn't you just return to the Fort City, why did you guys come out here?」

After he heard that, the big guy struggled for a few seconds before quietly opening his mouth.

「T-there is a certain headquarters that gives out requests to adventurers in the Fort City. We heard from a sexy nee-chan there that there was a treasure here, so go and have a look, or so it was.」

「Huh.....a treasure? Did you find it?」

「N-no. There were some magic stones, we didn't find any treasure.」

I see. That's right. Even I walked around this area and I didn't find any treasure-like things.

「I-I didn't think that there would be such a strong magic user living on this magic spot.....Please forgive us.」

I see. It seems like they had no idea that I was living here.

「Is that really the only reason you came here?」

「Y-yes! That's all!!」

It seems unlikely for them to have any reason to lie to me.

In other words, they weren't aiming for me or my home?

I understand that. However,

「I'm really really impressed that you stepped foot in my garden without permission!」

「——Hya, hyahha——! I-I understand! I have shaved my head in reflection of this!」

No...your head was already shaved.

「I-if that's not enough then ——Y-you guys too!」

「O-ossu! We'll shave it!!」

According to the skinhead's order, the other guys took out knives and swords and started trying to shave their heads.

「Well, shaving yourselves bald doesn't matter to me...actually don't do it. Don't leave garbage in my garden!」

In fact, it's a bother to me. In fact, if you're reflecting on your actions to that extent, let's just let it go.

「There wasn't any harm done. Just clean up the broken armor and stuff then leave.」

「R-really....? Y-you're going to let us go? Isn't it usual to shave people's heads

as an example punishment....?」

What kind of distasteful barbarians do that?

Well if my house was damaged then I'd at least give them a solid punch.

「You won't be aiming for my house right? Also, as long as you report to your headquarters that there is no treasure here, then you may leave.」

「Hya hyahha!! Th-thank you very much for your benevolence!!」

And so the adventurers cleaned up the trash from my garden and ran away.

Though I heard the story from the adventurers, it brought up some more questions.

「Sexy Nee-chan huh...?」

Since you said Nee-chan then it should be a woman.

However, is there someone sexy among the people I'm acquainted with?

Sakura and Hesty are cute, however they are not really sexy. Dianeia is beautiful, but not especially sexy.

「So a complete stranger said that there was treasure in my house and placed a request? I can't fathom what their objective is.....」

Hmmm, well it doesn't really matter right now does it?

There's a chance that they were given false information and made to dance to someone else's tune.

From how they talked and acted, they seemed to be a party that moved without much thought. Truthfully, even if I seriously thought about this right now, it wouldn't really show any results. I didn't even really know that there was a place called the Fort City.

「Well, I should probably ask Hesty about that.」

With that thought, I headed over to Hesty's cabin.

I saw that she was already standing outside and staring at the sky.

「Ou, Hesty. I've got a little something to ask, are you free?」

「n, it's fine.」

When I called out to her Hesty nodded deeply.

But after that, she pointed towards the sky.

「But,.....before that. We have, a guest, apparently.」

「Guest?」

I looked at where Hesty was pointing and I saw a dragon with rainbow scales circling above. Then,

『Our Old Princess, and our King. I would like permission to land. Would that be alright?』

It said in a hoarse voice, before flying towards me.

Chapter 36: Dragon Style

The rainbow colored dragon came down from the sky.

However, it wasn't a nose dive attack. Instead the dragon landed softly in the garden and turned its head towards me.

『I humbly thank you for permitting me to land』

『It's not that big a deal, but do you need Hesty for something?』

『No.....oh wait, if I were to keep speaking to you in this matter it would be quite rude. I will now change into human form.』

He said, and so the rainbow dragon was covered in smoke. Then, when he reappeared he had become an elderly man wearing a butler outfit. However, his shoulders and back were thick and muscular and he had a face that gave a feeling of fearlessness. He appeared to be an extremely youthful.....elderly person.

「Fuu, alright then, now we can speak the human language. Am I speaking properly?」

「Yep, you're speaking just fine now.」

When he heard that, the old man gave a sigh of relief.

「Thank goodness. My 《Human Transformation Law》 is quite rusty and I'm not too proficient.」

Human form magic huh? There's something like that out there?

「.....hey, Hesty. Are all dragons able to turn into human form?」

「After, we live for around, 100 years, those who are smart enough, and train enough to use magic, who can do so. There are also, those who, cannot.」

I see. Well then, it should be fine if I think of it as pretty rare.

「n. after living for too, long, intelligence degenerates. There is, a time, when they revert to becoming, simple animals. So it, is pretty rare.」

「Seriously?」

Do dragons go senile as well?

「If they are a big danger, to the surroundings, we deal with them. So, there's no problem.」

「At times, they survive and go into the forest to live isolated. But it's rare. Because the dragons who have become animalized usually die a dog's death.」

The elder dragon gave an additional explanation, but honestly...how bloodthirsty is dragon society?

Even so, this is pretty interesting.

「Anyways, what have you come for? Do you have something you need to talk to Hesty about?」

「No, today I was thinking of having a meeting with the new king. Because of my relatively small stature I am here as the representative. My best regards.」

As the elder dragon says that, he bows deeply.

「Oh, well thank you. Thank you for your courtesy.」

「Also, the others are waiting over there.」

He said and pointed towards the sky.

There, across the sky, there were a number of dragons floating across the horizon.

「Woah, that's a lot!」

「They came to show themselves and see you. If needed I can call them, should I do so?」

「No, that's fine. That would go over the garden's space limit.」

There are dozens of them and some of them are really large. They are all making a big ruckus.

『The boss.....even though he's a human, he was talking our language da-ze!?』

『It takes a tens of years to learn all the words in our language you know?』

『Amazing. He even did that for us. He ain't half-assed.....』

They are all whispering.

Even so, they are really quite annoying....

「.....」

The elder dragon glared at them once, and they fell silent.

In the first place I didn't learn this dragon language for them.

I just learned it by chance.

But, there's really no reason to correct this, so I might as well leave it be.

At any rate, there is definitely not enough space for them to land.

「I understand. Well then we will stop at this greeting. —We the Flying Dragons put ourselves under your command.—」

He said and once again bowed deeply.

The dragons in the sky all bowed their heads as well.

It's all well and good that they're greeting me but,

「I got it. For now, don't go near the town so much ok? You'll give them a surprise again.」

「By your will.」

The elder dragon raised his head and waved his hand towards the dragons in the sky.

With just that, the dragons all started to return to the valley.

「I humbly thank you for acknowledging us, Our New King. If any appear who would harm you or have harmed you, by all means you must call upon us dragons. —We would like to be useful to you and eliminate any who would harm you.—」

The elder dragon calmly said this. With sharp eyes that did not match his

elderly appearance, he said this. It made him seem quite serious.

「Ok.....if there comes such a time?」

Including this kind of good will, I will accept what I am given.

Although I don't think there will be an opportunity to use them.

「Alright..... I am glad that you are such a strong and kind man.」

「Huh? Kind?」

「.....you did not kill our Queen, Hesty-sama. Even if it is only for that, we respect it, and it is a reason for us to swear our allegiance to you.」

Somehow it seems like Hesty is quite adored by the dragons.

Even though she herself said that she was unnecessary, she seems to be trusted.

And so the elder dragon looked at Hesty.

「Hesty-sama」

「You, no longer need to call me, -sama.」

「No, it has not changed the fact that you were our Queen who protected us.」

Hesty scratched at her cheek when she heard what the elder dragon said.

Could she possibly be embarrassed?

It seems like there are some good guys among these dragons.



「Well, I'm glad that, this all worked out. So, genryuu, is that all?」

「Ah, no. One last thing. There is one more thing that I must report to you.」

「n? What?」

「It seems like, the Black Dragon King is beginning to move in this vicinity. I have felt the Dragon King's unique magic a bit.」

After hearing about the Black Dragon King, Hesty twitched in reaction.

「That girl is? Moving? I see.....」

「Is it an acquaintance?」

「Un. A little. It's the one, I know best among the other, dragon kings.」

Oh yeah, she did mention there were like six of them around didn't she?

「Is it someone dangerous?」

「Basically, harmless.」

「I see. Then whatever...」

Even Hesty didn't attack me without a reason.

If there's nothing wrong, then it doesn't really matter even if the dragon king is nearby.

「And so, when you meet with her, please give my best regards.」

「n.....I understand.」

「Well then, that is all!」

The elder dragon said and left.

After the meeting with the dragons, Hesty and I took a break in a sunny patch

in the garden.

「.....somehow, it seems like we've had a lot of guests today, we talked a lot... I'm tired.」

「un, I am a little, tired as well.」

「*yawn*.....should I take a little nap?」

「n, I will, as well.」

And so we both slept until Sakura called us for dinner.

Chapter 37: Garden Defense Line, Construction

Right now I am leaning my elbow on the table worrying.

「Hmm」

「Master? Is there something wrong?」

While serving me some tea Sakura spoke up.

「Well, I was just thinking if there was a better way to capture intruders or drive them away.」

As I drank my tea I reset my disordered mind.

After that, I begin thinking once more.

Right now, any intruders who enter the garden are intercepted by the golems.

Then, Hesty goes to the location and she deals with it. But...

「I was thinking if there was a more economical way to do this...」

I could use a huge number of wood golems and crush them with numerical superiority but that would use a lot of materials. I was wondering if there would be a better option to deal with large numbers of intruders.

That's what I've been thinking of all this time.

「But the golems move slowly...」

「Compared to when Master uses his wood armor, the wood golems are weaker by quite a few levels. But, even so when Master controlled them directly they were fast enough to capture the Wolf People.」

Sakura is praising me, but the garden is quite large.

This kind of speed is insufficient.

When I have fewer golems it's not possible to cover the entire area.

Though we have some traps, if they don't step on them they won't activate.

「So, if I was able to do something that can bring in a big haul then that would be great.」

As I thought, I lay down on the floor and gazed at the ceiling. And suddenly, something came to mind.

「——oh yeah. Can I utilize something like anti-aircraft missiles?」

「Missiles-desu?」

「Yeah, I didn't think of doing a long range attack from the ground. I think this is a good idea.」

Let's start out by testing if a wooden bullet can be shot out from the golems.

「I'd like to give this a try, so Sakura let's synch.」

「Alright, I understand. Is a lap pillow alright?」

「Yep, thanks.」

Sakura placed her lap beneath my head.

It's soft and feels great.

While I enjoy this sensation I begin to synch with Sakura.

「Umm.....for now the apple trees on the outskirts should do...」

I chose some suitable trees and changed them into golems.

—the wood golem deployment and modelling has become really easy.

Just by sticking to Sakura I can make a golem wherever there is a tree I can even remodel them.

And so I take the firing units for the traps and transplant them onto the wood golem's arms.

And what it uses is wood shaved into a round bullet shape.

This can be fired out of their palms.

There are only a few bullets in them, but I will try to increase them in the future.

「When I put this equipment in there...it makes them look awkward but...for now let's just leave it alone....」

For now, let's do a test firing.

Point it at the ground and fire.

「Tree Bullet.....Fire」

The tree bullet fired by spring action created a deep hole in the ground.

「Oh, it's got plenty of power.」

「Yes! It has considerable impact! Amazing Master!」

Since I am synchronized with the land as well I can observe exactly how powerful it actually is.

If I guess from the impact, it carries about as much power as the wood golem's punch.

With even this much power, intruders can be driven away easily.

「——ah, there is a monster approaching from the North.」

「Oh, great timing.」

Even if I am indoors I can find the monster and test it out easily.

It's fine when I go out and test things myself, but I sincerely think that this lazy mode is better.

「Fumu fumu, the monster is a magic stone golem huh?」

I would have tried it out on a dragon scale and blown it up...but it seems that it is a very hard material. This guy is more suitable for an experiment. Let's shoot it.

「Ready, Aim—Fire!」

(One moment)

—BOOM!—

With a loud sound the tree bullet pierced through the magic stone golem.

That's not all, it even pierced through the trees behind it.

And the magic stone golem was also blown away by the shock of being pierced.

「Uuuuuuuuuuummmmmmmmmmm.....?」

This was not what I expected...why did this happen?

.....oh, wait...

Compared to the golem's fist, the area is much smaller so the penetration power increased. Come to think of it, the hardness of the trees in my garden is also unusual.

Well, anyways I now have proof that it is effective so,

「It really was more than powerful enough.....」

「That is so.....」

For now let's not use it against people....it'll become a grotesque horror scene.

So that I don't cause a tragedy in my garden, I should probably adjust the power output.

If I improve the bullet, the penetration power should decrease...probably.

「.....Just to make sure, should I go outside and carefully test it myself?」

「Well then, if we're going out why don't we bring a lunchbox to eat?」

「That's good. Then I'll leave it to you.」

And just like that I went out on a picnic while strengthening the defensive line of my garden.

And so the results of a lot of experiments.

When firing an apple seed, the power is reduced so it is usable on people.

If you fire it and make it bud immediately it becomes like a rope that will capture the other party.

It doesn't create any trash, so it's quite economical.

Let's use this from now on.

Chapter 38: Stimulating the Economy from Home

Outside the garden.

As I was adjusting the wood golems, Hesty quietly walked towards me.

「Can we talk, for a moment?」

「What's up?」

「There's something I'd, like to talk to you about. About, the fort city. Because they came, the other day.」

「Oh yeah, that was the case wasn't it?」

The skinhead's image was so strong that the name of his city had become vague.

「I forgot, to tell you about it. So, I'd like to tell, you now.」

「Oh, thank you Hesty-sensei.」

Honestly, I don't know anything about that place, so this information will be quite helpful.

「n, it's fine, in place of my, rent.」

Hesty said and pulled out a big map from her bosom.

「Isn't that the same one that you gave me before? How many do you have?」

「A lot. When I become, a dragon, they break often, so I have a lot of,

reserves.」

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As she spoke, Hesty pointed out an area to the south of the dark forest.

What she pointed at was a drawing of many houses surrounded by a round wall.

「This is, the Fort City. It is a, city-state, built on a plain. It is, surrounded by the Black Dragon King's land, the forest and wolf people, and the ogre, goblin, and orc lands. Also, there are quite a few monsters.」

Oioi, isn't this a little too much?

「Why would they make a town in such a place?」

「Because, there is a dungeon, that produces magic in the center of it. They equip themselves, and explore it, to make money.」

「Quite a violent industry huh?」

「But, it's efficient. It doesn't, lose value. And the other races, know that they can gather magic, there too.」

I get it. In other words, this dungeon is a type of magic spot.

「It isn't as, deep and strong, as this place though. Nevertheless, it is useful, so they made a town. They are surrounded, by many different races, but they have many people, and weapons. So, it is, a city where rough people, who love physical labor, live.」

Ok, I understand now. I'm not suited(fated) for that city.

It feels like a danger zone. I'm not especially fond of physical work.

「n, but since you have this magic spot, that city, doesn't really matter to you. But if you went there, I think that, you'd be able to make a lot.」

「Is that so? But even if I had more money than I already do, I don't know what I'd do with it.」

After all, that witch princess keeps passing me money when we meet.

Even the other day, she brought both gratitude and money. Then when I gave her an apple, it seems like she said she'd bring more again.

Because of this, my house is getting filled up with bags of silver.

「Oh yeah, the second floor is starting to overflow with those bags of silver.」

「Oh, is that so.」

I don't know where the money gets made, but I do know that it's bad if too much of the economy is sitting inside of my house.

That's why I tried to give it to the wolf people to use but,

『A-any more than this would be too much! It is too gracious! We cannot accept!』

They said and refused a large amount of it.

I could have forced them to take all of it, but they looked like they would cry...

so I didn't.

「Since you bring me ingredients and tools, I don't think that it's too much though...」

The wolf people are, for better or worse, quite honest and obedient.

Thanks to that, if I give them silver coins they usually end up leaving most of it.

「Normally you'd buy, weapons, armor, magic tools, etc.....do you, not use those, types of things?」

「I bought them. I just haven't had a chance to use them.」

Since I have the wood golems I haven't had to wield any of the weapons or magic tools.

For armor, I have the Wood Armor so I have no problem with that.

Using magic power is so easy, that it becomes too convenient.

「No, that...isn't that just you?」

「Well anyways, all I can do with it is collect it and store it. Hesty do you need money?」

「For everyday life, I don't need any. But, I might need some, to buy, materials for wands and staves.」

Ah, is that so?

Making wands costs money, doesn't it?

「Then just tell me if you want some. I'll give it to you.」

I said lightly, and Hesty looked at me in surprise.

「Is that, alright? Wands, using good materials, cost quite a bit. My bones, are good materials, but when combined with other things, is very expensive.」

「I have no use for it so just tell me.」

It's better for me to give it to someone who will use it.

「Ok. Then, I'll accept, and go buy the stuff.....thank you.」

Hesty said and scratched at her cheek.

「As thanks, I'll make you, a great staff.」

「Ok. I'll leave it to you to make me the best staff.」

And just like that, I found an investment plan for my money.

Side Chapter 38.5: People of the Fort City— Honor and Vigilance

Evening. Office of the Royal Capital. There, Dianeia was greeting the delegation from the Fort City.

「Nice to meet you. I am the Deputy Director of the Fort City's Headquarters, Anne Taidra.」

However, if you were to call it a group...the delegation was only a single young woman.

Moreover, since it was a top-class woman in the city, Dianeia received a further blow.

「Uuummmm, the delegation....is only you?」

「Yes. It's much easier this way. Please receive my best regards.」

She stepped forward as her long black hair and large breasts shook, and extended her hand.

「Ah...yeah, I welcome you from the fort city. I am Dianeia Medisun. I am able to represent this city. Please treat me well Anne-dono.」

After shaking Dianeia's hand, Anne smiled and laughed.

「Fufu, as expected of Dianeia-sama, the great magician and second princess. Your handshake is quite soft.」

「O-oh. Your hands are quite firm. It feels reliable.」

「It's because I'm from the fort city. My body is my trade capital.」

Anne gave a sexy laugh.

.....I didn't expect the top of the fort city to be such a beautiful woman.

The other day when the people from the fort city's headquarters changed I heard a rumor but, this is beyond my expectations.

However, this caused Dianeia to be even more cautious.

This includes her coming to the capital at this specific timing...

「That's right, Anne-dono, why did you come to the royal capital?」

When Anne heard the question, it almost seemed like the color of her eyes changed.

「Indeed, I heard that the white dragon was defeated or tamed...that kind of rumor was floating around.」

「Oh, there was such a rumor flitting about.」

「When I heard that, I couldn't possibly leave it be so I came. I came to confirm whether it was true or not.」

Her expression was completely serious.

I was thinking of answering with my Official Stance but...either way my answer is decided.

「That is truly, a groundless rumor.」

「Is that so....what a shame.」

Anne became visibly dejected.

「A shame? Did you really want to fight the dragon king that much?」

The fort city was exposed to the danger of the dragon king as well.

That's why I thought that she'd want to hear whether it was repelled or not.

「.....No, I wanted to meet and see the white dragon king.」

「The dragon king? That's quite an unusual hobby.」

「Fufu, I'm often told that. But, that's right. There's really no reason it should be here.」

Her face was both disappointed and relieved at the same time.

I wonder what she was thinking.

「Well anyways...that's right. The capital has repelled the dragons many times, so we can help you with our knowledge.」

「Hmmm, is that so.....」

The other day they had sent us help, so we must return the favor.

This is proper conduct, Dianeia understood that.

Honestly, it doesn't hurt us at all if they were given information about fighting the dragons but,

「Dianeia-sama I have heard that the dragon was defeated above the magic forest. I'd like to know the area where it happened. It'd save me a lot of effort.」

.....Ahhh, she's really asked something troublesome.

It's quite possible that she has more than one goal.

Have they noticed that magical land, I don't understand how...but how should I respond?

「Hmm...ummmm....hrrrrrrmmmm...」

「Umm, is it possible that I asked for something impossible?」

Anne asked while looking troubled.

「No...that's not it but, I really can't recommend this. Are you aware that the forest is extremely dangerous?」

「Indeed. I know of what I should beware of. Even though I look like this I am strong so there is no need to worry. My main occupation is selling items, but I can use the arts of the attack system.」

Anne pulled up her sleeve and flexed her arm.

Certainly, when I shook her hand I could feel her strength, she seems quite capable.

But that's not what worries me.

.....I'm thinking that the problem is mostly Daichi-dono.

No matter what this woman's aims are, if I were to take her to that place there won't be any choices.

It's scary to think that if I take her there and she causes trouble, we could incur his wrath, even more than that I just don't want to trouble him.

In that case the number of options I have is limited.

If this woman wants to enter the magic forest by herself then...

「Alright, I understand. I will guide you through the forest myself. We can talk about measures against dragons on the way.」

「Really!? Thank you very much!」

「However, it is already quite late today, so I will take you tomorrow morning.」

「Alright, Please treat me well!」

Anne smiled happily. This should be fine.

I'll show her some harmless and inoffensive location, defeat some harmless and inoffensive monsters and teach her how, and this will be the end of the story.

Thus, Dianeia's plan was decided.

All that is left is to move, to make sure it goes well.

Night, a corner pub in the capital occupied by the skinhead and his men.

「Hyahha! Cheers!! This isn't enough for me!」

「I've brought more booze!」

「Hyahha! Good job! Ahhh, I feel like I'm being brought back to life.....」

The men were shouting and draining their mugs then filling them again.

The skinhead leader was going at a particularly fast pace.

「You're finishing your alcohol really fast leader.」

「Yeah, after having the tables turned on us by the master of that land, I've been remembering the fear these past few days...so it might be a reaction.」

「Hyahha. It's not from fear. I've been trembling in admiration.」

As his beer bubbled and sloshed the leader said that, the rest of the adventurers said “Yes yes” and turned away with smirks.

「Hyahha.....but still I really think that he's amazing. We already had our weapons out but he didn't even give us a chance at victory. We can tentatively be called high class adventurers too. ——even so he let us go you know? He's gotta be real broad-minded ya know?」

「That's....yeah... that's for certain...」

Several of the other adventurers agreed.

「We were hostile but he didn't take anything from us. Completely different from those rotten Sacred Knights.」

「If I were to say...he's a strong and good natured guy. He's the strongest guy I've met. One who is so strong that I can't even think of going against him.」

「Hyahha. That's even without talking about his true power. In fact, if I was told to act for his sake, I probably would ya know?」

The adventurers relished the feeling of that fight as they drank.

And the topic turned to the cause of that fight.

「But seriously, I wonder who that big breast black haired nee-chan was. For the time being we reported and got the reward though...」

That's where the money for today's drinking came from.

「I've lived as an adventurer in the fort city for a long time but I've never seen such a sexy lady. Even so she became the Deputy Director before I realized it.」

「I saw her around the outskirts of town though you know? She was selling sturdy and strangely shaped armor and suspicious looking items.」

「Huh, so she was scouted from there? She might not actually be from the fort city originally.」

The adventurers were confused, but as soon as they got the next round of booze, the confusion was blown away.

「Hyahha! Forget about this complicated stuff! We'll be staying in the capital for a while. As long as the money lasts we'll be sightseeing, eating, and drinking!」

「Yeah!! I'll follow you leader!!」

And so the night wore on.

Chapter 39: Slightly Big Intruder

Since then my house has grown a little more.

In both height and width, it has slowly grown. It's at least 30 meters tall.

Well to improve the stability the lower floors were enlarged and it was remodeled to look a little like a castle, I tried various things though.

「Mm, somehow it's turned out kind of like a castle?」

Presently it looks like a small Japanese style castle.

But it doesn't have any roof tiles and it doesn't have a stone wall...so I can't tell whether it's cool or not.

「It has become a splendid castle Master!」

「Splendid.....yeah...the size is splendid at least.」

The more I make, the more I remodel, the pickier I get! I think...

Well, in the end I still live on the top floor in the 2LDK space, so nothing has really changed.

「Well, anyways I should record this as a Magic key. This will be 《Castle》」

I tied that word to the image in my head and recorded it.

And when I was returning it to the shape of a tower...

「n, the house's remodeling, seems to be going well. That's great.」

「Oh, Hesty?....uh what's up? Why are you wearing such a weird robe?」

「I was thinking, of going to town.....I used up my staff materials.」

「Ahhh.....is it because I broke it too much?」

Actually, as of late I was using the staff when it went *snap snap*.

The other day I was continuously using the magic key, about ten times, and it suddenly snapped.

It only broke a little but it still didn't work, it didn't break completely...

「Muuu.....my tail bones and tail are big so it's fine. But I've run, out of the other materials.」

It felt like she was saying that with her cheeks puffed out with displeasure.

For her workmanship to be so easily broken...it seems like it's quite mortifying for the craftsman.

「Yeah, sorry.」

「Uh uh. I was, unable to comprehend the performance, properly. Even if it is able to, endure the maximum output...the number of uses was neglected apparently. So, I will strengthen it further. For that purpose, I will go buy materials.」

「I see. I'm thankful but do you have enough money?」

I said and Hesty tapped the inside of her robe.

From inside of it I could hear the sound of metal rustling.

「I'll use, what I got before. It'll only take a few minutes, for me to make the trip. Just wait for the wand.」

「Ok, I got it. Well then, I'll leave it to you.」

「n」

She nodded and then toddled away.

「.....will it really only take a few minutes at that speed?」

「Hesty-chan may be in human form but she should be able to use at least some of the power of a dragon. She should be able to move very quickly.」

Oh, certainly I do feel like she suddenly started moving at incredible speed. I see. Even in human form that girl is strong.

Because of her appearance and ambience I forgot that she went on a journey around the world by herself.

「Well then I guess there's no real reason to worry.....ah now that I think of it...I'm hungry.」

I started working in the morning and quite some time has passed.

I practiced my magic so I seem to have worked up an appetite.

「I was thinking that might be the case, so I made a lunchbox.」

「Ohh, you're a life saver Sakura」

「No no, it's nothing much.」

Sakura said and pulled a small basket from a bag.

Inside it was rice and a meat and vegetable stir fry.

「Wow, it looks delicious.」

「Thank you. Oh, the onigiri(rice ball) was salted a bit more this time」

「Oh thanks for that too.」

When I'm remodeling the house I get sweaty, so I start to want something salty.

「That's right, my rice reserves are getting lower aren't they?」

「That's right. We have about 2 months' worth of white rice, and around one month's worth of brown rice.」

I see, then in the future I'll have to try my hand at rice farming.

Can I raise it the same as the apple seeds? It might be a nice challenge.

「Well then, I will put on some tea. Master I will be heading back first.」

Sakura said and cheerfully returned to the house. For now, why don't I eat the lunch in front of me?

「Let's Ea——」

As I was grasping the onigiri and about to put it in my mouth...

「UUWWAAAA! D-don't slow down Anne-dono!!」

「Waa this forest is quite dangerous!」

「.....」

The witch that I've come to know and a woman that I don't know suddenly jumped out.



「——!」

Dianeia and the unknown woman were being chased around by a strange black golem.

But still....why did they have to come here to my garden.

I thought as I took a bite of my onigiri.

「I-I'm sorry Daichi-dono. We were attacked by some strange guys.」

I wasn't too angry when I heard that the first thing out of her mouth was an apology. But,

「Give back my peaceful lunchtime!」

After swallowing the rice I let out a shout. The next moment,

「——!!」

「Guoo.....!!」

A maelstrom of magic exploded forward as I shouted.

And so the golem and the witch were blown away in one shot.

The golem was shattered into little pieces by the shock, while Dianeia fell on her butt.

.....ahh, somehow I'm getting a sense of déjà vu.

But unlike that time...this time she...

「Kuuu....it's been a while since I've taken one of those.....how strong. I might've leaked a little bit.....」

Dianeia stood up.

A big difference from the first time, she seems to have gained some resistance.

But she still committed the same crime both the first time and this time as well.

「Come on. Dragons, mud dolls, and weird things...you keep getting mixed up in weird stuff.」

「I-I'm sorry.....it was an unknown monster. We were cornered because we didn't know how to defeat it.」

Judging by how it looked when I blew it away it looked like it was just a big mud doll.

What are you so scared of?

「...the only one who'd call it a mud doll is you ya know? It was considerably tough.」

「Really?」

「Really. Well, if there were only a few then I could clean them up easily. But when you're surrounded by ten or more...it's a little much. We broke through and ended up coming here.....」

Why did you have to bring them here?

Just take care of it yourself.

「uuu....I'm sorry...」

「Well, it seems like you've cleaned it up so it's fine.」

Since I used some more magic I got a little hungrier.

For now I'll eat the rice and take a breather.

And as I was eating, Dianeia looked behind me.

「By the way...Daichi-dono? I have a question.....I feel like your house has changed shape and gotten larger, is it my imagination?」

「It's not your imagination. Don't mind it.」

「I-I see」

「Actually, I have a question as well. Who's that black haired person?」

It's someone I don't know. I wonder if she's Dianeia's friend?

Before she got hit by my magic maelstrom, but she endured it without being blown away.

「A-oh. This is my guest, Anne-dono. Please introduce yourself.」

「That.....doll was blown away.....in one hit.....that power is more than I imagined...it feels good....」

The black haired girl's eyes seemed feverish and delirious.

「Anne-dono? What's wrong?」

「Eh.....ah.....ahhh! I'm sorry. I was overwhelmed and started to space out!」

She had been staring off into space, but she quickly pulled herself together and turned to meet my gaze.

Her face was a little flushed. I wonder if she's nervous?

「A,ahh, I've been rude. I am the Fort City Headquarter's Deputy Director Anne Taidra.」

「Oh, nice to meet you. A person from the fort city huh?」

It was the town of those skinhead guys. Headquarters means...is she the boss over there or something?

「Well it's something like that. By the way, is your excellency the Master of this magic filled land?」

「That's about right. You actually recognize that this land is magical?」

「Indeed, I've seen similar terrain in the middle of the city. Though it wasn't as strong as this place...」

I see. I suppose she would know she understands well.

As I was feeling kind of impressed, Dianeia was looking surprised.

「Huh? What's wrong Dianeia? You're making a strange face.」

「No.....umm, unexpectedly you're speaking normally to Anne-dono so I was a little surprised.」

Oh yeah that's right.

It's pretty rare that I get to talk to someone who's not weirdly afraid of me.

Being the top of the Fort City she must be pretty strong.

「Dianeia-sama. I'd like to talk to this person a little more, would that be

alright?」

「Uh ummm....I'm fine with it but Daichi-dono is.....」

「I don't mind.」

I had finished eating.

Since that party from the fort city busted in here it might be a good chance to get additional information.

And above all,

「I'm free right now. Let's drink some tea and talk slowly.」

「Waa, I'm glad. I would like to talk with you slowly as well.」

And like this a tea party broke out in my garden.

Chapter 40: More Meetings, More Problems

After placing some seats in the apple orchard, I listened to what they had to say.

「I see. So, the Fort City and the Capital are in a cooperative relationship and Anne is the representative. I understand that much...but why did the both of you come out to the forest?」

Moreover, you drew monsters here. It was the first time I've seen a mud doll like that though. I wonder where the heck it came from...

「Ummm, that's the first time I've seen a doll like that. We were attacked immediately after entering the forest, so I don't really know where they came from.」

What's up with that? You're supposed to know more about this forest than me, and you say this is the first time you've seen it?

「Yeah. You've never met one before either right Daichi-dono? I mean a black soil doll like that.」

「Not even once. Is it something newly created from the forest?」

「No, this magic forest doesn't have that kind of black terracotta earth. So I can say that they're probably not being made naturally.....」

Huh, maybe it's some kind of mutation?

「Anne do you know anything about this?」

「.....no, it's the first time I've been to this forest. I left the guidance for this investigation to Dianeia.」

「Guidance for an investigation? Is that so....」

「Uh yeah....we were talking about counter-measures against dragons, the wolf people's circumstances, and we were coming to investigate some things. However, I wasn't planning on coming to bother Daichi-dono.」

Well I guess that'd be the case.

You wouldn't want to bring a big shot from another town to a guy like me. A guy who lives alone in his house in the middle of a forest.

「Ahh.....well, I'm happy to recognize you, yep. In fact, I'm grateful that I have the chance to do so.」

What's up with that weird statement?

「N-no please don't mind it. Anyways, Anne-dono. With this event, were you able to understand why the number of victims from the wolf people around the capital have decreased?」

「Yes. I was surprised. To think that the wolf people would be guiding people and trading normally... I had heard that the number of casualties had sharply dropped, but I had never dreamed that they would be obediently mixing themselves into human society.」

Ohh, it seems like the wolf people are doing pretty well.

Now that I think of it, they seem to have been more mannerly when I've seen them.

I wonder if they're deepening their relationship with humans? In that case, this isn't bad at all.

「It's great that the threats to my city have decreased by one. But I'm curious... what changed their attitudes? When we went to the forest previously they stopped us with all their might.」

「W-well, they must have various circumstances. Yeah, don't dig more than necessary Anne-dono.」

「I guess you're right. Setting the reason for it aside, being able to talk to them properly, one way or another, is a good thing. We can somehow speak to the goblins and orcs so it's alright, but monsters that crawl out of the dungeon can't be persuaded or conversed with.」

Huh, orcs and goblins can talk?

That's the first I've heard of it. Actually,

「Do monsters spring up from dungeons?」

「Yes. A dungeon creates monsters and also acts like magic bait for monsters that are born outside, so it gathers them and makes it easy for them to breed.」

I see. They do have the tendency to go towards land with magic in it.

I think I understand pretty well, but dungeons seem pretty troublesome.

「—oh, is it possible that this land around here is a dungeon? Or can it be used as one?」

「No, with such a deep and powerful dragon vein, it would make creating monsters difficult and or dangerous. If the power is too thick it can hurt the monsters you know. A dungeon should have moderate levels of magic density.」

.....what's up with that?

When I'm being told that where I'm living is harmful to monsters....it feels really weird.

Well, that's fine anyways. It'll keep my living space comfortable.

I'm pretty far from town so the surroundings are quite peaceful. I can just use my imagination and my defensive line is usable, and when I want to use magic power economically I can just use my wand.

Yep, I've got a good thing going for me, as I thought that...

「Ara, Daichi-sama? Is the thing on your hip a.....wand?」

「n? Oh this? Yes it is.」

Actually, I have to ask if it looks like it could be anything other than a wand.

「No....umm it's just that it is really thick for a wand and I can feel strange and very strong power from it.」

Anne's eyes were glued to the wand at my hip.

Is it really that unusual? Actually, even if I say it's a wand, I've never seen another wand that looks like this.

「Would it be okay if I took a look at it? I want to know what it's made of.」

「Ok, here ya' go」

Since she wouldn't stop staring at my waist, I took it off so she could get a proper look at it.

Then some words leaked out of Anne's mouth as she focused on it with intense concentration.

「This is.....made with the bones of a Dragon King huh...it's been quite a while since I've seen a real Dragon King wand.」

「W-what!? It's a Dragon King Wand!?!」

「Don't shout so suddenly, what's wrong with you Dianeia?」

That witch princess leapt up with both hands clenched in excitement.

What?

「I-I mean it's a Dragon King Wand you know!? It's the greatest class of treasure, it's something that only the strongest mage in the country could bring out in a national crisis!?!」

Is this wand really so incredible?

Even though I didn't know that...I broke this wand several times, it makes me feel really sorry for the manufacturer.

「When did you take down such prey.....」

「No no, I was given it.」

「Given.....!? —I see, if it's you then it's not really strange if you were given it.」

「? It's not strange? What do you mean desu?」

Anne's eyes flashed momentarily.

Hey, why are you being so persistent?

「That's.....」

Dianeia hesitated for a few seconds then looked at me pitifully.

What's up with those eyes that look like they're asking to be rescued.

「Well, I was wondering if it was alright to talk about the one who's living here with you.....」

「I don't mind.」

It's not like it's the end of the world.

After I spoke, Dianeia nodded.

「To be honest, the one who Daichi-dono is letting live here, out of the goodness of his heart is——」

As she started to talk...

——with that incredible timing...

「I'm home」

Hesty returned.

As she toddled along she had some kind of big bag held in her hand.

「? Guests? Huh, it seems like, there's a smell I remember...」

「Oh, Hesty. Welcome ba——」

-ck the moment when I was saying that,

「Oh Elder Sister——!!!!!!」 (TN: Said respectfully Aneue-sama)

With incredible speed Anne turned around and dashed towards Hesty.

「That voice was certainly Elder Sister! I've missed you so much I'm so glad to see you!!!」

And just like that she embraced Hesty tightly.

Hesty's small head was completely enveloped by Anne's huge breasts.



「Elder Sister——!!」

「As I thought, it was, that child's, smell huh?」

Hesty was making an extremely unpleasant face while trapped between

Anne's large breasts.

「Anne, let me go.....」

「Ahhhhh, more, give me more of that cold glare PLEASE—!!」

A loli and big breasts, it was really exciting. But even so...

「Hey, explain what's going on Dianeia. What did you bring here (****)」

「W-well, even if you ask me I don't.....」

I don't understand exactly what's going on.

But, it seems like somehow a member of my house has just gotten a new problem.

Chapter 41: The Monochrome Girls

As Anne continued to embrace her, Hesty explained their relationship to Dianeia and I.

「So you mean to say that Anne is this black dragon king Hesty?」

「Yes. Her full name is Anne Titus Hydra (TN: This is where she got Taidra/Tidra from in Ch.38.5). She is a dragon king like me. For a little while, I looked after her, and from then, I knew her.」

Looked after her a little bit huh? If it was only a little why is she so devoted to you?

「That's absolutely right! How many times do you think I was saved by Sister-sama!!?」

Anne said as she crushed Hesty further between her huge breasts.

But Hesty scowled and thrust her face to the side.

「Annoying...!」

Wow, I wouldn't have expected the good and obedient Hesty to be making such a clear and fierce rejection.

This is something very rare. Then,

「Ahh it hurts! But it feels so good Aneue-sama (Elder Sister-sama)! Push me

away more! The stronger the better!」

She turned pretty extreme in a strange direction.

From our first meeting I got the impression that she was a beautiful older sister type...but that impression has been destroyed completely and utterly.

In response to Hesty's resistance she's been blushing with joy. This might belong in the category in teasing your loved one but...

「She turned from someone who seemed very sensible into something outrageous.」

Starting with my first impression of Hesty and now Anne...is my common sense sensor on the fritz?

No! The dragon kings' should have been concealing their true natures when we first met...yeah that should be the case.

「.....oh yeah. Did you know about this Dianeia?」

I turned my gaze towards Dianeia who seemed to be terribly worried.

「For the Fort City's Deputy Director to be a dragon king....what should I do? Should I report it? No...where would I report it to.....that seems a bit....」

Her face was pale and she was murmuring and whispering.

It seems like everyone had their share of problems.

She looks like she's mulling over something so I'll let her be.

When I looked over to Anne and Hesty...

「Haa, how satisfying.」

Hesty had been liberated from Anne's hold.

「.....sweltering.」

「Good job...」

Hesty approached me unsteadily as if she was dizzy.

It was truly rare for her to have such an exhausted look about her.

As if in reverse, Anne was filled with good cheer. She seemed to be very pleased with herself.

「Sorry to interrupt you while your basking in the afterglow Anne, but why is a dragon king such as yourself acting as the Fort City's Deputy Director?」

I wonder if she's planning a takeover of the fort city? If so then that'd be a big problem...but I'd be grateful if I don't get caught up in such a troublesome situation.

As I thought that, Anne shook her head with a smile.

「No no, I wasn't thinking of doing such a thing. My main occupation is just selling items. After acting like Aneue-sama...making and selling items over and over, I somehow ended up with that position.」

「....Anne, is a child who became a dragon king, without even realizing it. She, raised her status without realizing it.」

Can you really become the top of a city just like that? That fort city is amazing in more ways than one.

But still, Hesty is a famous mage and Anne is the Deputy Director of the Fort City...as dragon kings aren't they mixing in a little too well with humans?

However, it's good that she's as harmless as Hesty said.

「Haa, all things considered, it is truly my good fortune that I was able to meet Aneue-sama.....haa.....haa.....」

「— —」

When Hesty saw Anne begin to pant strangely, she hid behind me.

It seems like she's really not good at dealing with her.

....oh that's right. I get it, this is why Hesty said that she's 'basically harmless' and not 'completely harmless'.

「This child is passionate, serious, harmless, and very sensible...only this inclination of hers makes her, no good. I can accept, a certain amount of, this type of damage...but that suffocating sweltering crushing...I can't, handle.」

So she says.

But indeed...if you exclude the damage to Hesty, she's pretty much harmless.

Alright then, I get it.

「*slurp*.....haaa.....oh, that's no good. I was so lost in my satisfaction that I forgot myself (lost control). I did not come here only to meet Aneue-sama.」

After wiping away her drool, Anne fixed her appearance.

「Daichi-sama. I am glad that I was able to meet you here. If Aneue-sama is with you then I can be relieved. For us dragons it is a great fortune to meet a man as strong as yourself.」

「O-oh. I see.」

「Indeed. I truly wished to experience (bask in) your strength.....but I'll leave that aside for today. Thank you very much for receiving me!」

And as she said that, Anne left alone while smiling.

「.....uhhhh.....first I need to figure out her true goal, then from there....」

Dianeia kept whispering without realizing that she'd been left behind...well I think I can just leave her be.

How should I put this? I feel like all that that black haired big breasted thing came here to do was to hug a loli.

「Are you okay Hesty? You've got a serious look on your face.」

「n.....I wonder what that, child came to do.....」

「Yeah, I wonder if she'll come again...」

Hesty's firm expression twitched.

「It's okay. If there are any problems, you can come running to me.」

「n, thank you. I'll take you up on that....」

It seems like the number of visitors to my house is set to increase in the near future.

Chapter 42: How to Take the Form of a Dragon

Evening.

It had gotten pretty late by the time Hesty and I had cleaned up all the black terracotta from the mud doll attack earlier.

「Fuu, I can have the golems do public works like this but it really does make me hungry.」

This black soil is awfully heavy.

「n.....sorry.」

「Why are you apologizing?」

「Because I'm here, that child, came, along with trouble.」

Hesty's shoulders dropped as she looked down.

「Don't worry. I don't think it's your fault Hesty. That black soil doll is to blame.」

「n~.....that black terracotta doll, is one of Anne's powers. So, it should be, mostly Anne's fault.」

「Eh?」

「Breath of the Blackened Land. When she, breathes out into the soil, those dolls come out. Because that child is, the Dragon King of the Blackened Ground.」

Is that so? But if that's the case...why did it attack her and Dianeia?

「When she gets, frustrated, Anne has the habit of making them, attack her till she's refreshed. When she is, satisfied, she makes them disappear....」

Is she for real?

That dragon seems like a huge pain in the a**.

「I don't think, she does it often in town. But, I will scold her later.」

「...in this case wouldn't that just make her happy?」

「.....probably.」

It looks like there's no saving that sexual deviant Dragon King.

「n, it's good that she doesn't do it in town, but still it does make you angry.」

Well, if she kept doing it over and over again with only a little apology...I think I'll get angry if she does that again here.

「Oh yeah, you guys seem to blend in quite well, won't you be found out by the townspeople?」

「If we keep our, human appearances, we mostly won't be found out. For me, if I suppress my magic power, they won't think I am a Dragon King.」

「Huh, you can suppress your magic power?」

「n, it's thanks to that, that I can go to town, without scaring people. —well, even if I'm found out there, isn't much of a problem. Another Dragon King even,

normally drinks alcohol and brawls with humans.」

These Dragon Kings are really into the whole freedom thing aren't they?

「Most are just faithful to their, instincts of wanting to live, interesting and happy lives.....by the way, do you not know the method, to suppress the magic, that you discharge?」

「Nope. To be honest, I don't even get the feeling that I'm leaking magic.」

I was welcomed when I went to the castle, but no one approached me...could the magic leakage be the cause?

I think I understand...that I don't understand enough.

「Let me posit this...if I was to continue living normally, would the continual discharge of magic be a problem?」

「n~, it would probably....kill normal people I think?」

Don't say something so frightening.

「It's the truth. Living beings require magic power. At the, rate that you're leaking, normally you'd be dead.」

Huh, I just thought that magic was an easy and convenient power...but to think that it was related to your life.

「But with your, magic power I don't think there should be a big problem. But,

there is the possibility, of drawing monsters to yourself.」

「Seriously?」

That problem really existed?

I understood that the land that I'm living on is a magic spot so it would draw monsters to attack...but I never thought that I would also be drawing them as well.

「n, the area that you draw them shouldn't be too large, it shouldn't be larger than the dragon vein's area of influence, so there shouldn't be much of an effect.....but there is a method to suppress it. Do you want to do it?」

「Eh? Was it really that simple to suppress it?」

Hesty nodded and touched my body.

「Then here. 《Mirage Coating》」

When she spoke that spell, my body shone faintly for a moment.

「With this, my magic has made a lid, and covered you. The leakage, is being blocked. The amount of magic, being held back inside your flesh, should now be just like me in my dragon form.」

「Ehh~....so it's like my body's been reinforced.」

It's a little harder to move, but my body feels light.

I feel like I can stand without even putting strength in my legs.

It feels similar to when I was wearing my wood armor.

However, it's much lighter than that, and feels like a weak reinforcement.

....I wonder if it'd feel like this if I had the opportunity to put on a suit of power armor?

Then I swung my arms quickly through the air and,

「What? Suddenly the feeling of reinforcement disappeared」

「n, if you move intensely or get, excited, it breaks easily. It's only effective in, normal circumstances.」

I see.

If your magic power gets agitated and moves violently it can't function?

「Can I also do this kind of coating?」

「Probably. If you practice.」

I see. Then let's give it a shot.

From what Hesty said, it seems like it should be coating my body with magic power.

「Umm.....like this?」

I tried to reproduce the feeling I got from Hesty.

「—《Coating》—!」

Then,

「Oh, I...think I did it?」

I once again felt as if it was a little difficult to move...as if I was being reinforced.

In fact, I felt that sensation even stronger than before.

「Did I do it?」

「n, you did.....but why did you, succeed so quickly?」

Hesty pouted her lips looking dissatisfied.

「Eh? Was that bad?」

「n~n. But you, didn't need me to teach you. I feel like, the meaning of my existence, was just denied a little.」

「Even if you tell me something like that...」

I can't help it if I already learned it. But,

「This coating, may make daily life a bit tough.」

My body is strangely hard to move.

It's possible to live like this normally.

But...if I were told to sleep like this as well, I wouldn't want to.

Is it because I'm not used to it?

「n, wrong. It's because your cover, is much stronger than mine. It is covering every, single part of your body. The magic coming out of your body, has been completely blocked.」

Fumu fumu. Did I suppress it too much?

「But, this isolation is, useful. If you aren't very close, things that can sense magic power, won't approach you. Like magic stone golems, and such.」

I see.

When I completely coat myself, the magic that I leak out is almost completely cut off.

It seems like there might be some uses for that.

「n~.....depending on the enemy, you can be ignored. But it might be better to let out, more magic power. If you're being made light of, then you might get into more trouble.」

「I see. But I think the adjustment might be a bit difficult.」

「If it's too troublesome, why don't I, do it? It'd be fine for, you to call me, when you need it.」

Hesty suggested as she tilted her head to the side.

That's right. Hesty is much better than me at detailed magic work.

「If you do that, then I will have more meaning to my, existence.」

「...You really don't need to mind that...but, while I'm not used to it, I'll leave it to you.」

「n」

And just like that, I acquired a new technique.

—Well for now, I don't really have any plans to go to town.—

Chapter 42.5: —Side Dragon King and Princess— Royal Capital and Fort City Counter-Measure Conference

Late at night.

Dianeia and Anne were having a late dinner while talking.

「You really are a dragon king....really, I thought my heart was going to explode.」

「I'm sorry about that Dianeia-sama. Originally I had wanted to be more graceful and natural...but I lost control of myself.」

The two of them had been talking since they parted with Daichi. That was the cause of this late-night dinner.

According to what she said, the Chief of the Fort City did not know that she was a dragon king. It really seemed like she had obtained her position by chance.

Well, for now the fort city was developing peacefully and she seemed to be working to improve it, so Dianeia decided to leave it alone.

Because it can't really be denied that Anne was working for the sake of the people.

.....but furthermore, as long as I can defend the royal capital nothing else

really matters.

That's why they are now exchanging information like this.

「But that black doll that you created really surprised me Anne.」

「I'm sorry for acting without informing you. That doll was a scout.」

「A scout?」

「Yes for the dragon vein man—I knew that Daichi-sama was strong. So I wouldn't be killed if I approached carelessly, I created the doll and had it go ahead beforehand. In addition, you might say that it was necessary to explore the forest.」

Now that she mentioned it, certainly the dolls chased them, but most of them went on ahead.

「That was for exploring the magic forest?」

「Yes. However, now that I understand that Daichi-sama is an unbelievably strong and kind person...it seems like I put in a lot of effort for nothing.」

Dianeia smiled wryly while scratching at her cheek.

Dianeia understood how she felt because she was scared of Daichi when they first met. She definitely understood why she sent the black dolls ahead to scout.

「But Anne,」

「Yes, what is it?」

「why....did they attack you as well?」

「That's my hobby.」

Anne said with a serious look.

「Hob.....is that so.」

It's not nice to comment on other's particulars.

「Haa.....haa.....I should be able to make that doll's attack feel even better. If it was only a little more viscous when I made it.....wait, would Daichi-sama's magic maelstrom feel even better maybe....」

Actually I don't think I should pursue this line of questioning any further.

Anne had entered her own little world and was making a naughty face.

「Lea-leaving that aside Anne-dono. What was the result of scouting the forest?」

「.....Please excuse my impoliteness. That's right. It's honestly not very good. That phenomenon that we talked about earlier is still happening.」

Anne had told her the reasons she came to the royal capital.

One was to come and see Hesty, the other dragon king. That was the biggest reason, but without a proper reason she could not leave the fort city as the Deputy director. This reason was,

「From the magic forest all the way to the capital, the land is becoming richer

in magic. Because of that the fort city's dungeon is expanding huh?」

「Yes. Through my dolls' scouting I have confirmed that the dungeon in the fort city have linked to this area. At this rate both the monsters from the forest and in the dungeon, will overflow.」

Thanks to the magic spot, the surroundings have become rich in magic.

But thanks to the overabundance in magic power in that land, the fort city's dungeon was stimulated and seems to be growing.

「Because dungeons are almost like living things that eat magic. I think that it's inevitable that it would reach out towards land that has such abundant magic.」

「*sigh* after the dragon threat disappeared, now the earth itself is a threat....?」

Apparently, there was already a dungeon linking hole in the surroundings of the royal capital.

If that hole opened the monsters from the dungeon would overflow from it. That was how Anne explained it.

Dianeia knew the basics about dungeons, while she was training to become a mage she had studied it.

But she had no idea what to do in such a situation.

That's why she listened to Anne, an expert in dungeons, on this occasion.

「How much of an outbreak would it be? Do you know when?」

「We know the cycle of monsters appearing in general.....but we cannot narrow it down to a specific date or time. But based on how far it's come, it shouldn't be more than a few days before it begins.」

「How can we reduce casualties?」

「That's simple. I recommend a monster subjugation. Wipe them out. That is the best option.」

Subjugating the monsters before they breed, and reducing the number that would appear.

There would still be monsters that would be created all at once by the dungeon, but if the rest were subjugated, then a great number of casualties could be avoided.

「Currently, there are quite a few monsters within the fort city's dungeon. The monsters are looking for places to hunt, so they will flow to a new area. They should be around these parts as well.」

「Ahh, is that so...」

Dianeia understood that well enough.

「If I put all my strength into a barrier magic then most of the town can be protected but...」

From her training, she could at least block a dragon by herself. With that much power most dungeon monsters would be unable to pass the barrier.

But in a drawn out struggle they didn't have the advantage.

She didn't know if her magic power could hold out until the monsters were wiped out.

「Well at least you could say that there isn't much need to worry about the magic forest.」

「Regular dungeon monsters won't even be able to approach Daichi. Yes, moreover Aneue-sama is there as well, I'm grateful for that.」

For instance, even if a dungeon appeared in the magic forest, it'd be fine because he's there.

The only issue is the city's defenses.

「Information has been tentatively spread and a request for adventurers to help has been sent. But still, we're in quite a pickle.」

「If you don't understand something about the dungeons, just ask me ok? I was quite satisfied just by meeting Aneue-sama but if there were less places that I could go on a date with Aneue-sama I'd be sad.」

「Yeah, I'll be asking for your full strength, dragon king-dono of the fort city.」

While letting out a long sigh, Dianeia crammed the rest of her dinner into her stomach.

Her head was spinning as she thought of the all-nighter she'd have to pull to plan the counter-offensive.

Chapter 43: Several Seconds of Resistance (Attempted)

I had slept until after noon so I was eating a late lunch while lying face down in front of the large window in the living room.

「Ahhh, recently I've been moving around quite a bit, so it's been a while since I've gotten the chance to truly laze around like this.」

「Fufu, take all the time you need k'?」

I heard the sound of Sakura pouring tea for me from behind me. This feels so relaxing. It might be because I'm on the top floor and the sun is closer, but the sunlight feels very warm, and that is very pleasant as well.

It's so pleasant that I feel like I'd fall asleep if I closed my eyes for a moment.

And so while I was dozing off while looking out the window...

「Oh」

I saw a speck moving below me, it was Hesty.

She looked like she was walking towards town.

It seems like she's going out today as well.

.....well she should be gathering materials for staves and wands.

Actually the other day she had fixed the staff and gave it to me, but it broke again a few hours later.

When that happened, it seemed like she got fired up and excited about gathering even more material.

「I feel kind of guilty about this...」

「But Hesty-chan seems to be enjoying herself you know?」

「Is that so?」

「Yes. She seems to be enjoying herself based on her magical fluctuations. She's probably enjoying the feeling of her magic and skill being useful.」

Huh, if that's how it is, then this might be fine.

However, I can't seem to sense magic power in that manner at all, so I can't really understand that.

「I guess I really will have to train my perception after all?」

「That may be part of it but, if I had to say the reason...it might be because Master's magic power is exceedingly large. To sense humans and animals' aura you need to be extremely careful and pay extreme attention. The reason is that the magic leaking out of them is usually very faint.」

I see. I can use magic but it seems like I'm still inexperienced in some areas.

「But Sakura can do that.」

When I synchronize with Sakura I am able to sense others' magic power.

「I'm a home after all. I am extremely sensitive to the presence of people. I remember when Anne-san came before, she was also very happy. Hesty-chan is similar right now.」

「.....if you compare them...I'll feel uneasy.」

「Fufu, because the bigger the magic power the easier it is to sense. There is no doubt that she's enjoying herself.」

Well anyways, as long as she's happy it's all good.

Suddenly, as I watched Hesty disappear into the forest I thought...

「Ahh, now that I think of it Sakura, did you want to go into town?」

「Huh? Not especially. What makes me happiest is watching you, Master.」

「Is that so? But there are times when I go out by myself right? Do you have anything to do when that happens?」

If there was anything that Sakura wanted or needed, then we can go buy it in town.

「I don't really have anything like that.」

「You aren't being very greedy huh...」

「I'm a home after all. I resemble my owner. You don't have much like that either, right Master?」

「No no no.....I have something...like that....I think?」

I'm not confident, but I definitely have desires.

Yep, it's delicious food....wait, that's more of an appetite isn't it?

「Uhh....well. Yeah I probably have some... like wanting safety and stability or something like that...」

「Fufu. I also have a little bit of that desire. But anyways, doesn't Master want to go into town?」

Hmm...I wonder.

Since Sakura asked me.....for right now I don't feel any burning need to do so.

「Well, I do think that my home is the best. I prefer lazing around at home instead of going out.」 (TN: Daichi is my spirit animal)

I'm basically an indoor kid...I don't really have much motivation to go into town.

「n...just hearing Master say such things makes me feel like I've died and gone to heaven....」

She said emotionally with tears in her eyes.

That's basically just being a shut in though?

But as long as she's happy about it...it's a good thing?

「Still for me, it is best for me to take care of Master. To cook, do the laundry, draw a bath, and lay out your futon. The time I spend doing so makes me feel blessed.」

When I look back on that statement, it seems like all I need to live comfortably is leave everything to Sakura.

I'm quite grateful.

「But still....I should probably move around a bit I guess.」

「No no, I'd prefer for Master to relax and enjoy himself as much as possible. It would make me happy.」

「Uh...ok ——well then, should I just take the rest of the day off like you said?」
(TN: he really put up a fight here...)

「Yes. Would you please allow me to give you a lap pillow?」

「Yep, please do.」

I said, and Sakura's flesh was placed directly under my face.

「Bueee.....」

「Ah, did that hurt?」

「No.....but I really wasn't expecting you to do it while I was lying face down.」

It didn't hurt, but it would be difficult to sleep, so I turned sideways and lay down.

And so, with Sakura's body heat and the warm sunlight, I let myself drift off.

「.....n~」

As I touched Sakura, I automatically entered into synchronization. I realized that there were several monsters approaching.

There were more than usual but it doesn't make much of a difference.

I continued basking in the sunlight while directing the golems.

After a few dozen seconds, the monsters had been eliminated from within my range of perception, so there was no need to worry.

Chapter 44: Dragon King Medicine

Daytime. Hesty called out to me when I went into the garden and handed me a staff/wand.

It was conspicuously pure white, even more so than all the others I'd been given.

「This, probably won't, break! Use it!」

「U-uh ok, thanks.」

She was full of fighting spirit even while presenting it...this might be her masterpiece.

For now I'll use it lightly.

「Ummmm, Golem x100」

The trees in the garden turned into golems and stood up.

This was what broke the last wand that I used but,

「Oh.」

Even after creating 100 golems at once, the staff didn't have a single crack.

「Amazing. It's not even phased by this.」

「n.....I worked, day and night, to make this.....I'm hungry.」

「It's fine even if you don't push yourself.」

I gave an apple to Hesty, because she looked dizzy from hunger, and she began munching on it.

After eating one, her stomach seemed to have settled down, so she sat quietly on a stump.

「Well, the amount of magic, you use daily, with the magic key has increased, so if I don't put all my effort in, I won't be able to match it.....recently the golems, have become more detailed.」

「If they become too muscular or it becomes too much for you...just tell me.」

I've been fussing over the bodies' details more and more.

However, since I've been so fussy about the details, my magic consumption has largely increased.

「Be that as it may, thank you. Sorry for making you do everything from finding the materials, designing it, and even making the final product.」

「n, it's fine. It's my hobby. Besides, the cost is paid for, from your pocket.」

「But...the material for this staff is from your bones right?」

You can't buy that right? Isn't it something important to you?

「n~, my tailbones are quite precious, but they're more like, claws and scales? Something close, to that. They can grow, regrow, and change over time, so there's no problem.」

「Ah, is that so?」

Then I won't hesitate too much, and accept.

「Besides, if we run out, we have another place we, can replenish from.」

「Really?」

「n, there are other, Dragon Kings.」

I see. As long as it's a Dragon King it doesn't matter who we take the material from right?

「There are differences, between hardness and, amount of magic. The base is the same though. So, you can substitute them. For instance, Anne could.....」

And so, the moment she said that...

「DID YOU CALL FOR ME ANEUE-SAMA——!!!???」

Anne appeared with incredible speed and crushed Hesty with a hug.

「ugu.....」

「Good morning. I have arrived as per our talks the other day, Daichi-sama」

「Yeah, come on in.」

Anne greeted me courteously while still hugging Hesty.

Because she bowed, Hesty was crushed even further between her breasts.

「ugh, I didn't even, call you.....!!」

And for the second time, Hesty immediately tried to separate herself.

Due to her powerful rejection, she escaped from Anne.

「Haaa.....haa, I am happy for your exquisite use of force Aneue-sama.....」

Anne was blushing after receiving her desired rejection.

I really feel like she's hopeless, this 'Dragon King'.

「What did you actually come for Anne?」

「wa.....that's right. I was thinking of apologizing for the trouble I caused you the other day.」

「Oh? The trouble you say?」

What might she be talking about?

Is she talking about intruding into my garden with that mud doll?

It was a bit difficult to clean up...does it take effort to make one?

「U-ummm....you did hear that I made that doll right?」

「Yeah, Hesty told me.」

It's fine if she wanted to try and put on a charade...but dirtying my garden and interrupting my peaceful lunch is not acceptable. I feel like I'm about to get a little angry.

「uu.....I'm sorry.」

Oh. Well, she apologized before I had the chance to get angry. I think I'll let her go this time.

「But, just an apology alone won't do, will it? Ahh, that cold glare.....it's giving me the shivers. Haa.....haaa.....I wonder what kind of punishment you'll give me. Will you beat my butt with your magic maelstrom? If that's so then I.....I'll.....I'll...!!!!」

Truly a hopeless and useless person. If I were to look angrily at her it'd only have the opposite effect.

I should moderately turn her away to get rid of this troublesome disposition.

I'm feeling quite a bit of respect for Hesty. She can deal with having such a person as her junior/sister.

「OK! Anyways.....what kind of apology have you prepared?」

「Ah...right. I brought my cherished magic item!」

「Magic Item?」

As I was wondering what that was, Hesty explained to me,

「They are objects, with magic power in them, that produce various effects. There are many uses, from daily life, to combat.」

As expected from the knowledgeable Hesty-sensei.

She gave me a concise explanation.

「Because I am the Earth Dragon King. From land to dungeons underground I am especially good at making items with magic in them.....though I only got into this by imitating Aneue-sama.」

「I'm only, good at staves and wands. But, Anne is certainly, good at medicine and tools, she is able to make, a large variety.」

「No no, in return I am unable to make wands and staves. Aneue-sama is abnormal because she can make wands and other weapons that require delicacy.」

I see. The things they can make are different huh?

As I thought these things, Hesty stared at my face.

「n. But...the most abnormal one, is the one here who made, all these detailed golems.」

「Eh!? All of these are golems!?!」

Anne jumped when she looked again and saw all the muscular golems surrounding us.

「There's incredible amounts of magic within them but....」

「un, he made them. What's more, he made them with, a magic key.」

「Woah, this is the first person I've met who's more precise than Aneue-sama. You even put much more magic into them than I could, and what's more with a magic key.....」

I wonder.

She might just be looking at me in surprise...but it feels like she's looking at a strange and rare beast.

I'm not some kind of sideshow you know?

「I-I'm really sorry Daichi-sama. I make golems myself so I was really surprised by this sight.」

「Well, it's fine I guess....」

「Th-that's right. If you are making wood golems and working outside then this might just be perfect!」

Anne said and pulled out a bottle from between her breasts.

Inside of it was a small crystal-like thing.

「Please use this if you'd like.」

「What is this?」

「It is a recovery potion extracted from the blood of a dragon king. It is quite valuable if you sell it and is useful on anything from cracked wood, a scratched finger, broken roots, or limbs being mostly cut off. If you apply it on the area you will quickly see the effects.」

「Huh, it's an all-purpose medicine?」

I can leave the care of the trees to the golems, but there may be use for it.

If I were to talk to Sakura I could get healed by magic, and if not then I have a first aid kit in the house with bandages.

But it's useful for injuries that can't be healed with just bandages.

I think I should just accept this.

「Thank you Anne.」

「No no, it's my thanks towards you. Ah, there's one more thing I need to report.」

「Hm? Report?」

「Yes, from now on the monsters in the forest may be agitated and increase.」

I wonder...is something happening within the forest?

「Inside the forest, I mean under the forest there's a bit of a problem. Oh, but the increased activity should be temporary, so I don't think you need to worry very much.」

「I see. Roger that. Then I'll be a bit more careful.」

「Yes, then that's it for today. If you run out of recovery potion, then just tell me and I'll replenish it. I'm looking forward to working with you from now on, Daichi-sama, Aneue-sama.」

Anne said, and after hugging Hesty once more she went back into the forest.

「.....I'm, tired.」

「Yeah, good job.」

Somehow that turned out especially noisy, it was like a salesperson came to sell us medicinal goods.

But still, I got some good medicine so I'm feeling alright.

Chapter 45: Even if it's Underground I'll Still Use It

Evening.

This time after getting caught up using my newly received wand to change my house's shape, it didn't break no matter how much I used it.

This seems like a nice chance, so I'll see what other shapes I can add to my house's repertoire.

European castle, Japanese castle, twin towers, *etc.* I shaped each of them and recorded them. This is of course...as I was lazing around inside.

If it's like this then I can change my house's shape without wearing myself out.

It's as perfect as always as I synch with Sakura using her lap as a pillow.

.....uuuummmmm, are there any other shapes I haven't done.....

As I was pondering, suddenly a thought popped into my head.

「Sakura, Anne and the others were talking about the underground, but I'm wondering if I could make use of it.」

「Umm, do you mean that you want to make a basement? In that case I think it's possible.」

Oh seriously?

I thought new things were popping up from underground...Is it really alright to build a basement?

「Our roots haven't penetrated deep into the ground but our foundation is steady, so I think it would be fine to expand.」

Fumu fumu, I see. Then should I try to extend my reach underground?

「Hmm, I wonder how I should set this up? It's the first time I've done something like this so I have no idea.」

「The way to do it...is the same as always. Just think of how you remodel the house. I think that you should be able to move the ground in our territory in blocks just like the house.」

As I was told I imagined the premises in my head.

Then when I tried to move the block units of the house,

「Woah....it really worked.」

The ground had a one block sized hole. This is amazing.

「No no, it was mostly Master's power you know? I only helped you sense the premises and didn't use any magic.」

「Is that so?.....but I'm curious as to how my territory is determined.」

Moving it here and there, I can't be able to do this just anywhere right?

「Indeed. The extent of the territory is how far the power of the magic spot, in other words your power Master, permeates. As of this moment, the range is

within a sphere of 20-meters from the part of the woods that you reforested.」

「That's a pretty wide range. Looks like our property has increased by quite a bit.」

I guess you could say that one part of this forest has become mine completely.

The reason for that is that I restored the part of the forest that Hesty burned to ash.

Honestly though, there's no one to complain about it. According to Dianeia no one owns this land.

And according to the wolf people,

「This is the place that Our King has reforested! Therefore please use it freely Oh King!」

They begged me to accept, so I didn't mind it and did so.

「Well for now let's try a new form with an underground room.」

To test it out, I made a hole one block large in the ground and sunk one of the first floor rooms into it.

I realized that it entered the ground unexpectedly easily.

「Ohh, it's easy to bury it.」

The building was just lowered by one floor.

This is pretty entertaining.

If I don't have to worry about the height, my degree of design freedom will increase. Let's try a bit more.

I deepened the hole one floor further. Then,

—Crack—

I felt a sensation like I'd smacked into something.

「Eh? It feels like I hit something ...what's going on?」

「Ahh, this hardness and wave.....I think this is Ultra-magicstone. It's a special mineral that sometimes develops on a dragon vein magic spot. It is extremely hard and nearly impossible to break but.....if you wish to remodel this area I believe that you should possess the necessary power to do so.」

「Is it safe to destroy it?」

「Yes. There shouldn't be any adverse effects. The kind of magic coming from this stone might weaken the monsters around it, but that doesn't have anything to do with us. In fact if the magic was returned into the earth, the soil would become more fertile.」

I see.

Then it should be fine.

「Alright then. I'll give it the old college try. Sakura, I'm counting on you.」

「Ok!」

And so I continued to dig.

—An hour or so later—

My house had disappeared from the magic forest.

More precisely...it was completely buried.

「.....to think that the entire building could be buried....」

「It's gone into the hole beautifully. As I'd expect of my Master's precise work. If it's like this then if anyone looks in from the outside they'll only see an apple orchard and a small cabin.」

Umm, yeah...I guess. It's nice to get complimented.

Especially since that it did go perfectly into the ground.

「But...didn't we lose our entrance and exit?」

「Uh...」

The doors and windows were blocked with soil.

Because of the magic coating the soil didn't fill the house, but we lost our way out.

But we're still able to breathe so I'm wondering where the air is coming from.

If I remodel it I could put the door on the ceiling and we could leave like that...
but

「If I put a door on the ceiling, this entire thing would just become a pitfall

trap.」

「Mm...if you don't make a new staircase along with it, it'll be too dangerous.」

I decided that it would be best not to do any more burying without a proper plan first. I should make a proper structure first.

「.....but I suppose I could put the extra parts of my home underneath the ground. It would help guarantee its stability.」

「Yes, that is an option.」

Fumu fumuy, then that's that.

I made a new form of my house so let's call it quits.

「The magic key will be....that should be good. —Shut-in—」

For now, I decided to record the magic key as such.

Well, I don't think I will have an occasion to use it, but just in case.

Chapter 46: Peace of Mind is Important

To the west of the Royal Capital Prussia.

Dianeia was hunting monsters on the border of the magic forest.

「Fuu, why don't I finish off today's hunting here?」

「Good job Dianeia-sama.」

The knight captain was the vanguard and Dianeia was the rearguard that burned them with fire.

Using this strategy they completed the subjugation of the monsters that appeared between the forest and the capital.

This was simply part of their usual maintenance of public order and security.

「Knight Captain. It's helpful that you came with me, but is it really alright for you to leave the knight order without any instructions?」

「I've already told them so it's fine. Moreover, I think that it's more dangerous to leave you, the princess, out alone.」

「Hmm, I guess that's right. Monster hunting is something that's meant to be done in a group. If you're alone then it may be hard to deal with any unforeseen danger that comes up....or so they say.」

It had been a long time since the knight captain had instructed her as such...it was one of the basics of battle.

「Especially since now a dungeon is active now. It would be best to be cautious.」

「That's true. But for now it seems like a lot of monsters haven't appeared.....」

It was a little confusing, because the number of monsters that had appeared seemed no different from normal.

According to what Anne said, it should only take about 2~3 days before there was an overflow of monsters...but 3 days had already passed.

It was unexpectedly late. For Dianeia this was something to be thankful for.

「Thanks to that we have time to deploy more defensive personnel.」

「...it was pretty lucky that we had such an able group hanging around the capital.」

It was a top group from the Fort City that boasted a 90% request completion rate 『Shining Head』. (TN: I'm literally crying over this name.)

They had been drinking inside of a bar.

It was really a welcome surprise that they were around when the capital needed help guarding the most.

「The monsters around here are quite strong. If they were normal adventurers it'd be difficult to fight the monsters even if they were fighting it 2-to-1.」

「Yeah, the Fabunir has sharp fangs that can stab a person to death and the Big Slime can engulf a person the moment they let their guard down. They all come out of this forest.」

There were many monsters in this forest that were difficult to defeat unless the adventurers formed groups.

「What's more if you add the dungeon monsters to the equation...it's really no joke. And that's only on the premise that they arrive in time to defend against them.」

「We've got a mountain of problems. I invited other adventurers, but the more there are, the more equipment and food we need. If we need to activate the barrier we won't be able to leave, and at that point we won't be able to replenish our food stores.」

「It looks like we won't be able to solve these problems anytime soon huh...?」

There really was a mountain of problems.

But no matter how they worried over it, there wasn't a clear cut solution.

「For now let's do this...I'll go check on the situation with the wolf people within the forest. Knight Captain you should go check on the defenses of the capital and towns.」

「.....really, I'm sorry about this. Originally this job should've fallen to a messenger not to you, Princess.....」

「Don't worry about it. Other than me there aren't any people who can teleport.」

In regards to moving quickly it was easier for her to do it herself.

「Though it'd be another story if the guys who shut themselves up in the Research City came out, but for now it can't be helped.....I'm off.」

「Yes, take care!」

The meeting with the wolf people ended after a few minutes.

The monsters that entered their land seemed to have been hunted down but,

「The number of monsters that have come out of the forest haven't changed?」

They neither increased, nor decreased.

The only thing that changed was that they were a little more vicious.

It was a strange phenomenon that seemed to have to do with the connection to the dungeon.

「At any rate, the next place should be that person's...」

Dianeia headed off towards Daichi's place.

She teleported to a nearby location and then headed in on foot.

Though it was difficult to teleport to a location with such a powerful magic spot, it was still possible. But she didn't want to teleport in, surprise them, and end up being attacked.

That's why she decided to walk but,

「Somehow...it's kind of noisy.....?」

She could hear a strange noise.

Dododo it sounded like a lot of things running.

.....It couldn't be.

Dianeia began subconsciously going faster.

It shouldn't be possible but for that man....

「Did the monsters generate here.....!?」

Dianeia had a bad feeling about this and started to run.

And when she reached Daichi's house she saw...

「...Eh?」

She saw a group of golems beating tens of Fabunirs into the air and shooting them with wood bullets.

「OOOOOOO!!」

A huge wild boar roared and charged at a huge golem and was bounced back and onto the ground like it was nothing.

Then a wooden bullet was fired out of the golem's arm as the finishing blow... and it stopped moving.

And just like that, the monsters were taken care of in short order.

「——yep...I knew it...」

「Yo, what'd you come for today?」

After I cleaned up the group of monsters while taking my nap, I realized that Dianeia was there.

I was drowsy after clearing them away but I roused myself to greet her. But,

「Uhh, yeah. How should I put this? I came here for some peace of mind.」

For some reason Dianeia was looking at me and seemed extremely relieved.

「?」

「Of course...now that I see this I feel like there was no meaning in getting worried. No, I feel like it was weird that I even worried.」

What kind of nonsense is the Witch Princess talking about?

「No, nevermind. It's just me talking to myself. Please don't mind it. But still... what are you going to do with all these Fabunir?」

「Hmmm? Even if you ask me that...I guess we'll eat them, give some to the wolf people, or let them go...」

These boars' meat had good texture and was pretty delicious. If you made it

into sukiyaki it would be juicy and tasty.

So, I was thinking of taking one or two to process and store in the refrigerator and freezer.

Any more than that and I won't have enough room.

So I decided to give some to the wolf people too.

I captured most of them alive, so if I can't do anything with them I'd just let them go. When I said that,

「I-I see. If you're alright with it, why don't you sell it to my city, wholesale? We have many people and we need food. Of course we'd pay.」

For some reason Dianeia seemed pretty desperate when she asked me that.

「Huh? I don't really mind I guess.....」

With this many I couldn't really deal with them so I was a bit troubled.

If they were willing to take care of them, then I wouldn't really mind.

「Th-thank you! That's one problem solved.....you're the savior of our city!」

「?」

She seems deeply moved...how strange.

I don't really understand, but if she's happy then it's fine.

And so, Dianeia took about an hour to teleport the Fabunirs away.

Chapter 47: VS. Dungeon Monster

After she finished cleaning up the boar meat, Dianeia relaxed and made herself at home sitting on one of the chairs in my garden.

She drank some tea that Sakura had brought out.

「Thank you for your efforts Dianeia-san.」

「Yeah, thank you Sakura-dono.」

Because of the numerous times she had come to visit, they were able to interact on the level of acquaintances.

「Thank you as well Daichi-dono. I'll bring you the payment at the next available opportunity.」

「Ok, it's fine either way. But Dianeia, what did you come here for today?」

Didn't you come here for something more specific?

「——oh...yeah! I had something I needed to report to you.」

「Report?」

「Yeah, according to Anne-dono the monsters in the forest are becoming more active, but it also seems to be happening around the town.」

Huh, that seems like a problem. I wonder if something's happening underneath the town?

「Umu. That's why I came to warn you. It might not be dangerous for you, but I think you shouldn't approach just in case.」

「You came here to tell me that?」

Dianeia nodded.

She's a really conscientious girl, isn't she? Though this seems pretty roundabout. Anne could've just told me this or she could've sent a message.

「Yes. But we were unable to determine when it would happen, so it turned into something like this....I'm sorry.」

「You don't need to apologize. Hmm...anyways, I don't want to put myself in danger, so I'll remember your advice.」

I'll tell Hesty and Sakura as well.

「But will you be alright with the increase in monsters around the town?」

「I can't say it'll be alright.....but we have increased the number of defensive personnel so I think we'll survive. We also have some more plans to deploy further around the entire town.」

「Hm? They don't surround the entire town yet?」

「Yes, we don't have enough to cover the border near the forest...so I've been doing the hunting there.」

She was doing something like that? It seems difficult to be a princess...

「I may be a princess, but I am also a Grand Mage (Archmage) so I have the duty to protect the town as well. This is just par for the course.—Also this time

is easier. We had enough time to set up our defenses.」

No you didn't! The border of the magic forest is completely undefended, isn't it??

「Nonono it's fine. Within a day or so adventurers will come to reinforce us. After that, our defenses will be perfect.」

「Oh? Is that so?」

If she thinks It'll be perfect then maybe it'll happen.

Be that as it may, it doesn't have much to do with me.

「Do your best in moderation Dianeia」

「Ok, well then. With this I bid you——」

And as she was about to finish her customary farewell...

—BOOM!—

From within the forest an explosion happened.

「What....was that?」

「How should I know?」

But somehow it looks like smoke is coming out of the forest now...

「——this.....is it possible that this is the beginning of the monster outbreak?」

Dianeia's face became pale.

This got serious quickly.

「That's right. There's no way that things would always go my way.....I'm sorry Daichi-dono! Please excuse me! —《Teleport》!」

She said and disappeared from my garden.

「.....man, what a busy lady.」

「Well, Dianeia-san has her own circumstances.」

This monster outbreak sounds dangerous.

I should avoid approaching.

All that's left is telling Hesty.

「Heey! Hesty.」

As I was about to go to Hesty's cabin I noticed something.

「What the heck is that?」

At the border between the forest and my garden...there was a small bipedal animal.

Its entire body was pitch black and it had wings and sharp horns.

It looked like a demon.

「A monster huh?」

「It appears so.」

That monster was gathering a mass of jet-black flames in its hands and,

「——」

It casually threw it towards me.

「So I guess it's hostile.....Golem.」

It was a dangerous so I summoned a golem to act as my shield.

The tree golem blocked the black flame then approached the monster after being slightly scorched.

And just like that it tried to knock the monster down but,

「—Ki—」

The monster moved nimbly like a monkey and dodged.

Well, the golem was independently practically incapable of performing fine actions, so it couldn't be helped.

「It's quite nimble huh? Then —Wood Armor—」

So I'll do it myself.

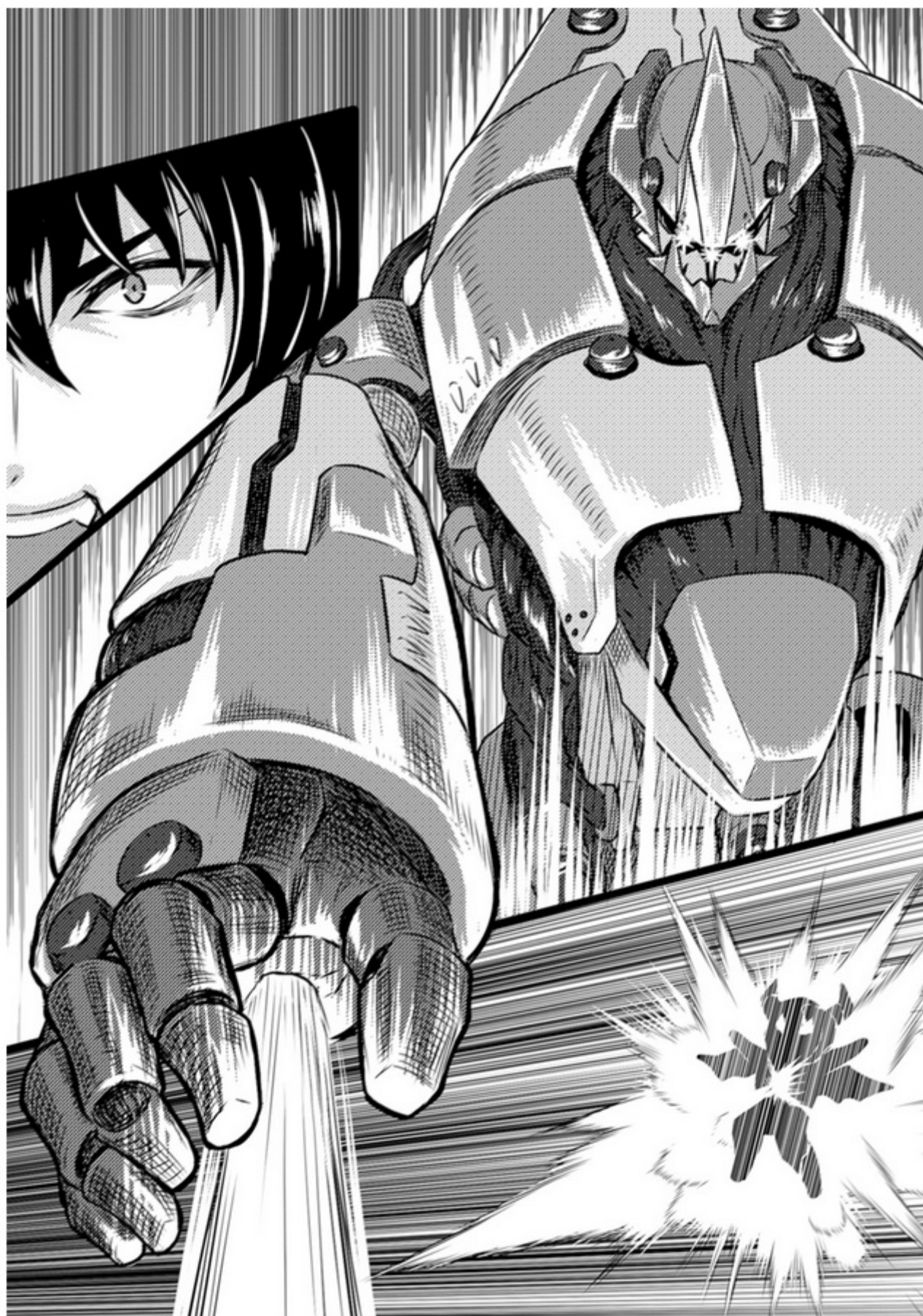
I wore my wood armor and prepared to fire.

What I would fire was the strong and hard wooden bullet.

「Fire!」

「!?」

The high-speed bullet flew out and hit.



The monster's body was crushed.

「Gieeee....」

And with a groan it fell.

It rapidly disappeared leaving only a black gem behind.

「That was splendid Master!」

「Mm, but something dropped.」

「Magic stone....or at least it looks like one. It seems quite listless. It looks as though its body was made from the magic in this stone.」

「Heh, what a strange creature.」

As I picked up the black stone and looked at it,

「n, it's loud, did something, happen?」

Hesty came out of the cabin.

「Yeah, I beat some weird monster and this dropped.」

I said and showed the stone to Hesty. Upon seeing it she knit her eyebrows in a frown.

「This is a, dungeon demon magic stone. From the size, it should be a, Servant Demon. But why, would it be here?」

「Is this strange?」

「n.....there isn't, a dungeon, around here. But this is something, that only dungeon monsters, drop. The dungeon monsters, might be breeding, in the forest.」

Fumu fumu, I see. This might mean that the forest's ecosystem is changing.

「Will it have a negative influence on my home?」

「n~n, no but.....dungeon monsters are combative and cunning. So, they're a pain.....see look over there.」

Hesty pointed and there I saw another servant demon. It was quite a distance away but,

「Wow, they really are hostile.」

In its hand was another of the usual black flame ball.

So, this is what she meant by combative?

「They will, maintain a certain distance, and if you turn your back, they'll throw fire, at you.」

「What's up with that harassment? Annoying.」

「The fire is also, quite strong. Your golems, only get a bit scorched, but normally, they'd be burnt.」

So, once they find you, they'll continue to monotonously attack you forever. Plus, they'll throw fire as soon as you turn your back?

Honestly, they sound unbelievably irritating.

「.....what a pain. I'll go clean 'em up Hesty.」

「n, should I, help too?」

「Yeah, if you see them around the house I'd like you to clear them away. I'll do the interior.」

「Understood」

And so Hesty began running in the opposite direction.

This way my house will be safe.

All that's left is to crush these annoyances.

While I was synchronized with Sakura and the armor, I went into the forest to aim and fire.

The wood bullet hit.

Then the servant demon turned into a magic stone and fell to the ground.

「Fuu, that should be the last one.....」

Or so I thought, but further inside the forest I saw 2 more.

Then they saw me...

And they began throwing fireballs.

「Ughhhhh.....ANNOYING.....」

「I wonder where they're coming from.」

「I don't know where, but it's annoying to go after them one by one. I'll crush them if they come.」

「Understood.」

And so, Sakura and I ventured deeper into the forest while shooting down the servant demons.

Chapter 47.5: —Side Capital Prussia— Emergency Quest: Defensive Battle

"What's the situation!?"

"Oh, we've been waiting for you Princess."

Dianeia teleported into her office in the castle that had already become a war-room.

There she received the information from the knight captain.

"There are several outbreaks of monsters from the East, West, and the South. They are currently approaching the town. The defensive forces have been sent to intercept."

Indeed, it was the case as Dianeia looked at the map spread on the desk. They had marked the place where they were presumed to intercept with a red cross.

But, for some reason there was also a black colored cross in the east.

"This is?"

"That is where Anne-sama said she was going so we could cross that one off. She said that she was able to hold them by herself."

"Anne-dono huh....."

She's a Dragon King so it should be possible to do it alone.
So, I guess I should be relieved?

"There are also many to the south so we sent the knights, but according to the reports we have the numerical advantage."

"Hmm, then all that's left is.... the west?"

We didn't have enough time so there's an empty hole in our defenses.
At the moment, we have no one there to defend us.

"Well that's not entirely true, I heard that one of the groups of adventurers was heading over there."

"Huh.....? I thought we asked the adventurers to protect the north?"

"Indeed. That's why there's only one group."

It was quite reckless for only one group to go when they didn't even know how many monsters there would be.

Though I am glad that we have someone to defend that area, it's much too dangerous. What kind of group is this?

"They're called...『Shining Head』 I think..."

"Them? Why did they leave the relative safety of the north...."

"I don't know. However, if they're guarding that area then it's reassuring."

They were a top-class group that maintained request completion rate of 90%. They are definitely strong.

But I am uneasy having them do it by themselves. So,

"—I will go and reinforce them."

"Princess...!?"

"Why are you acting so surprised? There's no one else who can teleport around here."

"But...."

The knight captain started to say something, but shook his head instead.

"I guess so. Even if I told you to stay here you wouldn't listen, would you Princess?"

"Yep, you understand well. As long as I am able to fight, I will. I will fight to protect this place."

Dianeia thought of this as her duty as an Arch-mage and as one with power.
(TN: Spiderman)

—furthermore, it is her own path through which she might reach the one she admires.

"At any rate, I'll leave after putting on my equipment. I'll leave command to you, Knight Captain."

"Alright...Please stay safe!"

Dianeia then headed towards her room to put her equipment in order so that she may go out in defense of the town.

The skinhead adventurers went to the west of the Prussian.

"Hyahha! This is where the defense line is weakest!"

"It's pretty far away from the commercial district after all. There's no one except for the ten of us."

They were standing on the plains separating the forest from the town. From the earth around them monsters were popping up. There was a variety. There were those who were worm and bug-like all the way to ones that looked like trolls, and they all popped out one after the other.

"I would've never thought we'd be fighting Dungeon Monsters outside Leader."

"Hyahha, I was hopin' for somethin' like this."

They said and took out their weapons.

"I really didn't think that we'd get a quest like this outside of the Fort City Leader."

"Hyahha, me neither. Defending a town....what's more in such dire circumstances...it's been quite a while."

The enemies began to approach. What's more, there were quite a few. The adventurers—Shining Head in both name and practice—carefully observed them.

"Hyahha, they're comin'. But compared to Boss Daichi, this kind of pressure is nothing."

"Hahaha that's for true. When our Leader who passed out says it, it's got some real persuasive power."

"Ugh, as I said before...I was just overcome with admiration!"

The skinhead man smiled wryly while sweating.

"Hyahha, if it was before then we might shrink back before this army. This was because of that guy's power."

At those words all of them nodded in agreement.

"Anyways, let's go! Even though this is only the commercial district and some distance away from the residential district, there are still quite a lot of people ya' know?"

"Yeah, there's farming here and hunting. There's gotta be quite a few who live around here."

"Hyahha.....then we've gotta protect them."

The skinhead adventurers took their stances.

"We were welcomed into this town, given good sake, and good food. If we didn't protect them then our name would be trash!"

"YEAH!"

"Let's work off our sake and fire ourselves up.—Let's GO! HYAHHA!"

The adventurers turned to the monsters and charged.
So began the defense of the Western line.

Chapter 48: The Monster's Dungeon Master

Each and every one of the Shining Heads intercepted the monsters who came invading.

"zee zeee.....Is this....all of them?"

"It'd be....nice if it was."

Dozens of monsters had been felled by their axes and swords, but their weapons were all in shambles.

Their armor also had holes and wounds here and there.

But, the monsters that popped up from the plains had finally stopped appearing.

"Fuuuu....."

This let the skinhead men finally let out a sigh of relief.

At that moment...

"Leader! Behind!"

"!?"

From the back a Servant Demon had popped out of the forest.

It already had a ball of flame in its hands and threw it.

"GUO....THIS DAMN—!"

The fireball was about to hit him directly in the shoulder as he sloppily turned to dodge and slice it.

However, the Servant Demon was already about to throw a second fireball.

He wouldn't be able to move in time.

"DAMN IT!!!"

He steeled himself to take the full force of the blow, but at that moment,

"Fire Lance!!"

A lance of flames flew towards the demon and skewered it completely.

Though it struggled it could no longer throw its fireball.

"—HYAHHA!— Chance!"

The skinhead man spun to face the demon once more and cut it down.

The demon was split in two and dropped a black jewel.

Seeing that, the skinhead man looked for who had thrown the fire spear. There he saw a witch with sweat on her forehead wearing a robe and a hat with a wand in her hand.

".....fuu, I made it."

"Hyahha, you really saved me there. Ummmm.....aren't you the princess of the city that gave the request!?"

"I am Dianeia. I give you my thanks."

Dianeia said while bowing, then proceeded to look around the area.

"It seems like you've cleared up the area. I hurried over, but it seems I was late. I'm sorry."

"Hyahha...this was for a town that took care of us. We just put in the proper effort for all that we've received."

"I see. That puts me at ease."

The skinhead and Dianeia smiled and shook each other's hands.

Then at that moment,

"——Gua!!"

One of the adventurers who had been observing the surroundings was sent flying.

"!?"

The adventurers and Dianeia all jerked their heads to stare at what appeared.

"GUOOOOOOOOOOO...!!!"

From the forest a Giant Black Demon slowly emerged.

"What.....is that...."

It was a huge monster covered in muscles.
It had a goat skull head and animal-like feet, in its hand was a club covered in the blood of the adventurer it had just hit.

What's more, Servant Demons were bubbling up from its muscular frame and being born.

"Hyahha.....seriously? Why is there a Dungeon Master here!?"
"A Dungeon Master!?"

It's a dungeon monster that births other monsters.
Therefore, it is called a Dungeon Master.
It is usually something that is the boss on the lower floors of a dungeon.
Dianeia knew that much at least.

But this was her first time seeing one in person.
Furthermore, "Yeah, and if it is creating demons then it should be a Master of one of the lowest floors. This is a really bad situation! All of us are pretty exhausted."

"Hyahha...it wants to exhaust us using servant demons and then finish us off itself...probably"

From the way the shining head guys were talking, it seemed to be a strong enemy.
The shining head guys were all worn out. It was already their limit to hold back the servant demons bubbling up from its body.
They were in no shape to fight this giant thing.
In that case, "Then...I will do it."

"D-don't joke around Princess! That guy's bad news! We can't even beat all those servant demons without proper teamwork!"

"Hyahha...that's right. Even if you can beat a dragon Princess, that guy's impossible!"

The adventurers unanimously tried to stop her.
But there was no way she could just run away.

"I can't back away here. Behind me is my home."

I cannot let this thing pass.
So, I'll use my full power from the start.

What I'll use is that magic that I learned from that person...my new magic.

Remember that feeling when he added to my magic...the attack that can kill a dragon in one shot.

"Take this! —《VOLCANIC LANCE》—!!!"

An enormous beam of pure heat and light exploded from the tip of Dianeia's wand.



It blasted forward in a straight line...

"GUO....!!"

And exploded onto the Dungeon Master's body.

It made a buzzing (laser) sound and a sound of burning, then an explosion

kicked up a huge cloud of dust which enveloped the field.

"Hya, hyahha! Amazing! With that kind of power...even if it's a dungeon master..."

"Yeah!"

It was a blow that even a dragon couldn't take. It should have definitely killed it. But as the dust settled, ".....Guo...!!"

The Dungeon Master was standing there with a hole burned through its shoulder.

"W-why!? I hit it!"

"Tsk.....look Princess! The monsters it created shielded it!"

At the foot of the Dungeon Master, a large number of black gems were rolling around.

....It was blocked!!

"Then.....one more!"

She was about to try and fire it once more, but

"Princess look out!"

"....!?"

Even faster than that, the Dungeon Master charged over and attacked her face.

She crossed her arms and wand to guard against it, but was sent flying and rolled across the plains.

"uuuuu....physical attacks really hurt...."

Dianeia slowly stood as she felt like her face was swelling in pain.

It had this much power even though she guarded with magic.

It was clear there was no way of winning a physical confrontation.

Furthermore, her fire magic wouldn't be able to connect.

The servant demons had already replenished quite a few of their numbers.

"Guaaa....."

The shining head guys were also being defeated one after the other.

....ahh, this is bad.

This dungeon master seems stronger than a dragon...I can't defeat him.

.....I'm no match.

I understood that just from that exchange.

—but even so, "You guys, take the wounded and leave. Shining Head."

"Princess?"

"There's no choice but to do this....."

Dianeia refused to take her eyes off her enemy even though one of her eyes had blood flowing into it from a cut on her forehead.

She stood before the Dungeon Master to block it.

"Even if I can't win...I can buy some time...this is what I must do...."

She took her stance as flames danced at the tip of her wand, "For my home, for my people...I have to fight! —《VOLCANIC LANCE》—!!!"

And fired straight at the Dungeon Master. But,

"—GUOOO!!—"

The Dungeon Master faced the attack head on and swung its club, reflecting it away.

Then, even though the swing's power had lessened, it hit Dianeia's body.

"...ka!"

The air was crushed from Dianeia's lungs as she was sent flying through the air like a ragdoll.

She was sent flying towards the forest——

"Woah woah. Hey, you ok?"

"ughh....ahh...?"

"As soon as I leave the forest someone flies at me covered in blood...what kind of joke is this?"

—But was caught by a wooden giant that emerged from the forest.

"Sakura, did you bring that medicine that Anne gave us?"

"Yes. It's here."

I received the medicine inside the wood armor and decided to use it on the bloody Dianeia.

I opened the chest of the wood armor and opened the jar of medicine, which released a flowery scent.

"This is salve, right? Do I just have to rub it on?"

"Yes, most likely."

I collected some of the liquid in the pot and rubbed it onto Dianeia's face. Her bleeding stopped immediately.

I heard about how wondrous this dragon king medicine was, so it should at least have this level of effect.

"uu....I-I'm.....sorry."

"Don't push yourself. But still.....how should I put it? Good job. You worked hard."

"....."

When I said that...Dianeia closed her eyes and lost consciousness.

"Huh? Was I releasing too much magic power?"

"No, it should be that she was relieved."

"Is that so? Then that's good."

She seems like her breathing is steady, so I'll let her sleep.
Her wounds seem to be healing quickly, so I think she'll wake up soon enough.
There are other things I need to do.

"Well then...what's going on? The situation is a bit hard to understand...but that guy seems like the boss..."

I took a look around and saw a black goat head monster.
It looked like he was creating the servant demons too.

Actually, one of them that had just been born came over to attack me.

"You're in the way."

I annihilated that servant demon with one tree bullet. But that wasn't all,
"Actually...all of you are in the way."

I shot the bullets continuously and wiped out the rest of the demons as well.

"——-!?"

When I did that, it looked like the boss guy was surprised too as its head jerked back.

Serves you right.

As I was observing my enemy...

"Y-you're.....Boss...Daichi....why are...you here?"

The skinhead guys started approaching me.

"Why? Those servant demons are a pain in the a**. So I was getting rid of them...and ended up coming out of the forest....but I see that you guys got rid of quite a few. Thanks."

I saw that there were at least 3 black gems that I could see lying near them. Having someone else help out with the pest extermination is welcome.

"He took out the servant demons in one hit? We have to kill them using cooperation."

"Hyahha.....insane....but amazing! You're incredible!"

For some reason the skinhead guys are looking at me with sparkling eyes. I don't really understand what's so amazing...they're pretty weak. As I was thinking that...

"Leader! The Dungeon Master is acting again!"

Suddenly, one of the adventurers pointed at the boss and shouted. I looked at the boss....the dungeon master, and he was once again creating demons.

"tte——-it's no time to be talking. You guys move a bit."

"Hyahha—! You guys make way! Let's go protect the Princess!"

"Yeah!"

The adventurers immediately withdrew.

The only ones left here were me and the Dungeon Master.

"Well then...you really made me put in some time and effort, huh?"

"——"

"I don't really care if you rampage a bit...but this forest is my home ground, my home."

That's why you should prepare yourself Dungeon Master.

"If you endanger my home or land I will crush you with my own power!"

I gathered my power and closed the chest of my wood armor.

"Let's go Sakura."

"Ok! Anytime you're ready Master!"

"Wood Armor. —Mode 《Fudo Myouou》—" (TN: Immovable Wisdom King) And so—my wooden giant was reborn.

Chapter 49: Demon Boss VS. Immovable King

Wearing my wood armor 《Fudou》 I visually confirmed the enemy numbers.

There was one Dungeon Master and about twenty servant demons.

They were already holding fireballs and were ready to throw them.

The enemy has the numerical advantage...but,

"Master! The preparations for "Roku Hiji" (TN:Asura mode) have been completed! Please fight as much as you wish!"

"Ok, thanks Sakura."

I have no intention of losing.

I extended a tree anchor from the back of 《Fudou》 and embedded it into the ground.

Then I aimed the six arms that stretched out from my back at my enemies.

《Fudou》 is one of the armor transformation I made a magic key for. Its function is very simple.

To have six arms aimed forward....in other words, "Rapid fire function...!"

I fired my wooden bullets.

They were much bigger than usual, about the size of artillery.

—BOOM!—

With heavy sounds, the bullets hit the monsters surrounding the Dungeon Master dead-on.

Boom boom, they are crushed one after another.

"Kiii!!"

As soon as they saw what I was doing, the servant demons threw their fireballs.

But...I didn't dodge them.

"My countermeasures can deal with that level of flame."

After I received Hesty's attacks back then, I changed the way I made my wood armor.

I piled thick layers of armor on, one after another, and drastically raised its fire resistance.

After being hit, the only thing I received were some black scorch marks on the surface.

I couldn't even feel the heat.

Inside of that sea of flame, I continued to aim at my leisure, "Tree Bullet, Additional Launch"

I shot down one more servant demon as it tried to throw fire at me. Furthermore, "Don't think I'm done after one round!!"

Each of my 6 arms fired and reloaded. I began to rapid-fire and take down servant demons one after the other. Then, "Guu.....this power.....wh.....what is this..!!!?"

The Dungeon Master cried out as it charged.

"Huh? The Dungeon Master can talk?"

But I won't let it approach. I fired at him and sent him flying back.



The Dungeon Master was sent rolling across the plains while vomiting blood. It rose slowly while staring at me with hate in its eyes.

"Kuuu.....OOOOO!!!"

It started to roar as it produced servant demons from every part of its body. There were more of them created faster than before.

In the blink of an eye the number of servant demons had surpassed 100. It seemed like there were more coming out every second. I was even cutting them down with my tree bullets...that's how fast they were increasing.

"I see. So six arms aren't enough....."
"...!"

It seems like the Dungeon Master heard me...it looked pretty smug. Certainly, this situation is no good.

I've been surrounded by 100 servant demons all throwing fire.

It seems like 6 arms won't be able to handle this.

But I'm not worried.

"That's pretty good Dungeon Master...but I've still got more to go."

Let's use that.

I extended the anchor at my back through the ground towards the trees in the forest.

Then the wood armor took in the forest and changed once more.

"Additional Firing Mode —《Fudou-1,000 Hands》—!"

From my back 40 arms exploded forth immediately making me larger.

"....!?"

The Dungeon Master seemed to be taken aback and gasped.

I see...even if you're a monster you can feel fear.

But it's already too late.

"Let's go. 1,000 Hands!"

《Fudou-1,000 Hands》began to move.

Each and every one of the arms on my back began to rotate and fire bullet after bullet.

It was firing tree bullets just like a gatling gun.

The anchor shook as it held me in place.

Each and every enemy was steadily being annihilated.

This was overwhelming and absolute rapid-fire suppression.

That is, "《Fudou》!!"

"Gu....oooo, you.....—-WHAT ARE YOUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUU!!!"

Mustering the last of its strength, the Dungeon Master was forcing its way through the hail of bullets.

He's got guts...but, "This is the end! You will break here!"

All 40 of my arms aimed and fired simultaneously.

It hit the madly charging Dungeon Master and utterly crushed him, then he fell to the ground covered in blood.

Shortly afterwards, nothing was left except a giant shimmering black gem.

Dianeia had come to her senses.

Her back rested against a large tree as she watched his fight through barely opened eyes.

She watched this nearer than she ever had...yet she felt further than ever.

She watched the overwhelming power that overcame an overwhelming disadvantage in numbers.

".....ahh, so far away....."

She considered herself strong to some extent.

She was able to take care of any stray dragon and had access to powerful magic.

But, she was nowhere close to his level.

Just seeing such power made her shiver.

"I want...to become stronger....."

Her heartfelt desire leaked from her lips as she watched him dispel his wood armor and walk towards her.

"Fuu, as expected of 《1,000 Hands》. It really takes a ton of magic and trees. Though I still can't do 1,000 hands....so I guess it's the abridged version..."

"Nono, Master's magic power hasn't even decreased by 30% you know?"(TN: or 3% this is a bit vaguely put.)

"Seriously? I'm not really used to using it so I'm tired, but I guess I haven't used that much.....maybe I should make a habit of using more on a daily basis? Like on fruits and harvesting..."

"Fufu, when you do so, I will help as well."

He was slowly strolling around and talking with a girl in loosely waving Japanese clothes.

Dianeia looked at this sight with longing.

.....if I was strong like him...then.....

I'd be able to defend my home, she thought.

And even more so...she thought that she'd be able to walk by his side just like that other girl was.

Chapter 50: Battlefield Cleanup and Reward

After I removed my wood armor, I looked at my surroundings once more.

The magic gems of the servant demons and dungeon master were there. It seems like all the enemies have been taken care of.

"Alright. With this I can go home in peace."

"Indeed. But I don't know how Hesty-chan is doing...."

"Well, we took care of the origin so I think she'll be alright."

But in exchange, the surrounding area had been ruined. The tree artillery was much more powerful than I'd expected, it almost made the ground into one big crater.

"I had to pull out the surrounding trees....should I replant?"

I was thinking that it might cause some troubles for the wolf people or others when,

"I will take it upon myself to fix this area, so please do not worry."

Dianeia said as she approached unsteadily.

"Should you be up and about already?"

"Yeah, the medicine you gave me before worked better than expected. My wounds have been closed.....but I've never seen such an effective recovery potion, was it alright to use it on me?"

Good or bad....it's fine as long as it healed you. Furthermore,

"It was something I was given anyways. If you want to thank someone, thank Anne."

"Thank Anne-dono? Is it possible that the potion you gave me was....the potion made from dragon king...?"

Uhhh...I wonder. I guess that Oppai dragon king did say that it was made with blood or something.

"Blood?.....It's a Dragon King Blood Potion!? You used something like that....."

Dianeia staggered and fell to her knees.

"Do you have anemia? I wonder if you don't have enough blood after losing some...."

"N-no that's not it. Do you even know how valuable that Dragon King Blood Potion is?"

"Nope."

"I-I thought not....."

She looked heartbroken as she covered her face and curled up.

"What should I do? It's 100,000,000.....would opening the National Treasury be enough.....?"

"What are you mumbling about Dianeia?"

".....I was trying to figure out how to pay..."

She looked at me and her face was even paler than when she was injured. Oh, so that's what you were worrying about.

"I don't need to be paid for the medicine."

"Eh.....?"

"If you had taken it for yourself it would be different, but it's something I gave you so why would I ask for money?"

Besides, you should be more grateful to Anne than myself.

"B-but still....."

"Ugh, what a pain. Fine, if you fix up this wasteland for me I'll accept that as payment. It's settled. No changes will be accepted."

I scratched the back of my head vigorously as I dealt with Dianeia's issues... then my stomach growled.

"Ohhh, I'm hungry. That's right, it's almost dinnertime."

"Ah, then shall I return first and prepare dinner?"

"Yeah, please do."

"Alright, then please pardon me."

Sakura said and flew away.

It seems like because she is a spirit (a house spirit) she can fly as well. She's been hiding such an incredible ability all this time, I was thinking as I

watched her fly away.

"Well, I'll be heading back. See ya'"

"Pl-please wait a moment Daichi-dono!"

As I was about to leave my clothes were grasped.

What is it? Do you have more to say?

"I've already decided on my repayment right?"

"N-no...leaving that aside for now....are you going to grab those magic stones?"

"Huh? What would I do if I picked up those black things?"

"Well, you could sell them, or process them...you can do many things you know?"

Oh, is that so?

.....but still...

I don't know what to do to process them, or what to make.

Well, I could probably ask Hesty right?

...but I already have a lot of them from defeating the guys around the house.....

I don't have any need to gather these ones here.

I should take one at most.

"Well, I think I'll take this big one to Hesty as a souvenir gift."

I decided to take the Dungeon Master's stone back with me.

"I don't need any of them except for that one, you can clean it up as you see fit Dianeia."

"Eh...?"

"You can sell them right? Then I'll leave it to you."

That's part of cleaning up the area...finding things you can sell.

"Well, I can certainly sell them but....."

"Then it's fine. Clean it up as you please. I'm going home."

"Wai-Daichi-dono!?"

Our talk is over.

I was starving already so it couldn't be helped. I decided to go home as soon as

possible.

The Shining Head Adventurers were watching Daichi depart and trembling.

"Hyahha....Boss Daichi is a man amongst men....."

"Yeah, if you sold these magic stones then you'd get tens of thousands....he's so generous....."

Normally if someone were to be faced with this number of magic stones, they'd be in a frenzy to gather them. But he was not.

"Hyahha....I think that we're pretty calm and collected as adventurers but we can't match him."

"That's true.....oh Leader...it looks like everyone's awake ze."

As they spoke, the rest of the Shining Head members began to stand up.

"Hyahha, looks like everybody's safe this time."

"We're still alive...but injured ya' know. The quest reward isn't enough ya' know. I can't heal unless I have enough booze ya' know."

"....since you can still make jokes, you should be fine."

"Hyahha, that's for sure."

They kept talking and laughing until,

"Wait a moment please Shining Head Leader..."

"Hm? What's up Princess?"

Dianeia slowly approached them.

"I'm sorry to ask when you're so tired, but I have a request."

"Hm? A request?"

"Yes, could you help me gather the magic stones?"

"Well, even if you don't ask us...couldn't you just teleport them? ——Couldn't you do it without borrowing our strength?"

He said. Dianeia hesitated for a few seconds.

"Well....you'd be right. But I'm quite worn out, as you can see. The job payment will be....a drinking party at the castle. What do you think?"

When they heard that, all the members of Shining Head looked at each other

and grinned.

"Hyahha! Princess, we accept! Hey you guys let's give it our best once more! We'll be getting' some good drinks and chow!"

"YEAH!!"

Chapter 51: My House Gets Stronger Too

When I returned to my garden, I saw Hesty hitting the pile of magic stones I'd gotten.

"n, Diachi. Welcome back."

"Oh, I'm home. But...what are you doing?"

"Magic stone, purification. If I don't, they're hard to use. But if I process them, you can use them for, anything from, wands and staves, to medicine."

It just looks like she's hitting them...it looks cute, but can you purify them by doing that?

"It's my, intuition, of many years."

She said while giving me a big thumbs up.

Well, it's fine as long as I can use them.

"Oh yeah. I'll give this to you."

It was the perfect time to show Hesty the huge magic gemstone that I'd brought back.

If I have something this big then there's sure to be some use for it...or so I thought but, ".....what's this, I've never seen, something like this, before."

Hesty looked at it in amazement.

"Don't you know about Dungeon Masters Hesty? This is a magic stone from one of those."

".....I know, about dungeon masters. But you wouldn't, usually get, this large of a stone."

"Ehhh, but this is what came out when I defeated it."

"This size is, abnormal. Impossible. It might be, something like a, mutation."

Seriously? So this is something that even Hesty hasn't seen before?

"Do you think you can use it?"

"N~....I don't know what would happen, if I tried to refine, and purify this."

Is this stone really that dangerous?

I ended up bringing it home, but I wonder if I should find somewhere to dump it...

"...if you just, bury it somewhere, it might become strong enough, to create another dungeon."

"Eh? Really?.....then how do I get rid of it?"

If tossing it creates a dungeon, then that's a huge pain.

But as I was worrying, Hesty shook her head.

"n, it's okay. If you left it, then it would cause, a monster outbreak. I don't think that, anyone besides you, could handle this, so taking it was, the right decision."

"Well even if you tell me it was the right decision I can't use it. So I'd just throw it away right?"

"N~n, it's fine. This house's magic, is strong. If you put it in the ground here, the magic will circulate, and put it under your, control."

"Is that how it is?"

I don't particularly understand...but if I put it in the ground it should stabilize and be safer?

"That's, my recommendation. And, if you break some off, and give it to me, I'll study it. If I can use it, I'll remodel your tools."

"Then I'll leave that to you."

I lightly hit the stone.

A piece of it broke off easily and I handed that to Hesty.

".....it broke, easily huh?"

"Was that bad?"

"Normally, it's harder the more magic, inside of it. So normally, it can't be broken, with bare hands."

"Well, I was just imitating what Hesty was doing before..."

".....so you overtook, my long years of intuition, in a few moments...."

Hesty started to get depressed, but for now I'll just give her the stone, then...

"Ahh, you're here! Daichi-sama! Aneue-sama!"

"nu!"

Anne was staggering towards us.
Her clothes were dirty and torn here and there.

"What's up Anne? You look exhausted."
"I used a bit too much power defending the town. Now I'm in this state....."
"Huh, seems like you did quite a lot...but what'd you come here for?"
"I was thinking to replenish my magic here."

Replenish...refuel huh? Is there any reason you need to do that here?
"There is~. Because my recovery gets better
with.....*panting**panting*being attacked...so..."

Anne's eyes looked dangerous.
While panting she looked at Hesty.

"Umm.....just once.....please lend me....*pant*...Aneue-sama."
"So she says...what do you think Hesty?"
"U-um...I-I'll, have to, refuse."

Hesty said quietly with a pale face.
"Ahh, it's neglect play right Aneue-sama!? That's good too~!!"
Ahh, so it wasn't really necessary to get attacked...
For now, we can just leave her and she'll recover.
So, let's just leave her alone.

"Haa.....haa....thank you very much Aneue-sama. I've recovered a bit."
"You've got good gas mileage don't you?"
"Nono, not as amazing as all that....but Daichi-sama, is that a monster's magic stone?"

The recovering Anne pointed at the big magic stone next to me.
"Yep. It seems like the magic in it is a bit too strong so I was going to bury it here."
"Is that so?.....in that case I can be at ease. For a magic stone I feel like it has too much magic. But it should be insignificant before you and this magic spot, Daichi-sama."

"n, I agree."

This decision received the seal of approval from two Dragon Kings.

"I see, then I guess I really will bury it."

And so the Dungeon Master's magic stone (except for one part of it that was given to Hesty) was buried.

It seems like my house's magic was slightly strengthened as well.

However, it was pretty insignificant as they said...

Chapter 52: My House's Lively Dinner Table

Royal Capital, Dianeia's castle, Grand Hall, a huge party was being held.

"Townpeople. I thank you for your cooperation in the defense of our city, Prussia! I was allowed to hold this small party in appreciation. Drink and be merry!"

Dianeia took the initiative to raise her glass and her voice.

"With that said....Cheers!"

"Cheers!!"

And so, the eating and drinking began.

Half of the participants in this party were brawny adventurers.

Round after round of alcohol was served and consumed.

The Knight Captain watched all this and heaved a big sigh.

In his hand was a single sheet of information.

"Yareyare, at the rate this feast is going...the amount we earned from monster meat and magic stones will be eaten into considerably."

Dianeia gave him a slap on the shoulder.

"Don't be so stingy Knight Captain. There was barely any damage caused to the town. If we don't do this much then we might incur retribution."

"I guess you're right.....know that I think of it...where are those guys?"

"I asked them, but they said it was bothersome so they'll pass. So, I'll need to do something about them."

"Sorry about that, I'll leave it to you."

They continued to chat a bit until,

"Hyahha, Thanks Princess. The booze is great!"

The Shining Head members had all approached Dianeia.

"I see, the most important thing is that you enjoy yourselves."

"Hyahha...but I guess it's like dat after all. Boss Daichi didn't come over"

"Well, I'll go myself later."

"Hyahha, is that so? Then that's perfect, take this to him"

They held out a giant pot of Sake.

"This is?"

"This is the most delicious sake that we could find. If it wasn't given to the one who did the most work then it'd be shameful ya' know?"

"I see.....very well. I will take it, along with your sentiments, to him."

Dianeia accepted the sake and the shining heads waved their hands and turned to leave.

"Hyahha~. Well then later Princess. We've still got more to drink. Ain't that right you guys!?"

"Yeah!"

And so they disappeared into the crowd.

"....alright then Knight Captain. I'll be off."

"Yes, have a safe trip."

"《Teleport》"

And so, Dianeia disappeared from the party.

"———that's how you ended up bringing me sake and food then..."

"Umu, I would like to share a table with you. We will eat the best sake that the shining head guys gave and the most delicious food I could bring. Please."

Because of the large amount of sake and food that Dianeia brought, we were eating outside.

We had spread out a vinyl sheet to sit on and it had turned into a small dinner party.

This wasn't really what I was aiming for when I defeated the Dungeon Master though...

But I'll definitely accept something delicious if I'm offered.

"But is it alright for you to stay here? Being the Princess, wouldn't it be best if you were there?"

She didn't need to worry that much about me, I'm alright with eating a peaceful meal in my home.

"It doesn't matter. The lead role was taken by you, Anne, and the adventurers. The adventurers are being entertained in the castle—so I have come to drink with you."

If that's the case, then it's fine.
Either way we should all settle in and have dinner.

"I see. I'm thankful. Well then, we should all enjoy ourselves fully."

Dianeia said, and poured me a drink for dinner.
What went into my cup was slightly carbonated and crystal clear sake.

"Ohh, it's refreshing and delicious."
"I'm happy as long as you enjoy it."

So, I continued to drink and she continued to pour until I felt a persistent tugging on my sleeve.

"Hm? What's up Hesty?"
"Umm, I can't settle, down."

Hesty shook her head violently as I looked and saw her being buried magnificently between Anne's breasts.

"Ahh! Aneue-sama's resistance! Amazing!"
".....annoying.....!!"

Well, how should I put it...they're acting as they usually do.
If she really wants to get away I think she can escape so it should be alright.

Anne is as lively as she usually is.
It's a bit of a noisy atmosphere, but not to the level where I can't relax.

"Dianeia's food, Sakura's food, and the sake are all delicious...this doesn't feel bad at all."

"Fufu, when I hear you say that, it makes it all worth it Master."

Having a lively dinner party isn't bad once in a while.



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